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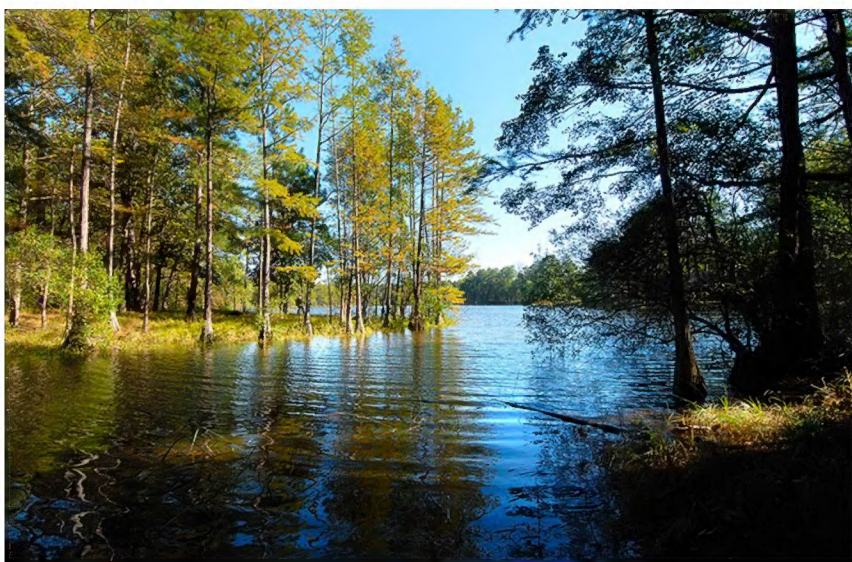
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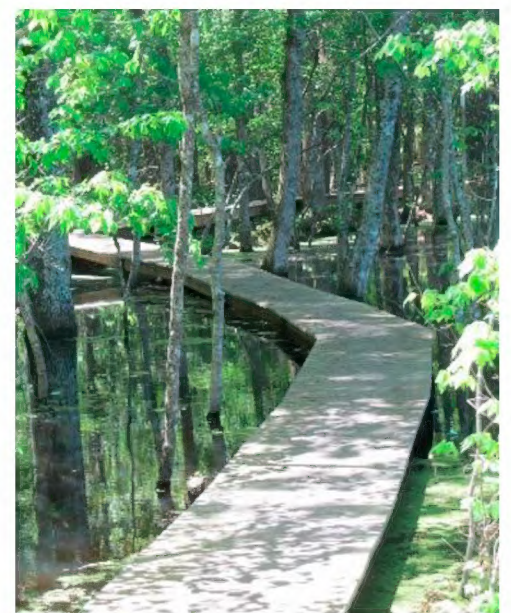
CBC is Finally Returning to the Sandhills! By Susan Campbell



Carvers Creek State Park. WordPress.com.

**After a ten-year hiatus,
the Club will be returning
to Southern Pines,
North Carolina for the
2019 Spring Meeting.**

We hope that you will take advantage of the interesting trips and programs we have lined up the weekend of May 3rd through 5th.



*Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge.
Tripadvisor.com.*

Groups will head out to destinations that are likely new to CBC members like Carvers Creek State Park, the Diggs Tract and Lake Auman. Others will visit sites that are familiar birding 'hot spots', such as Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge.



Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve.. NC State Parks.



Sandhills Game Land. ncbirding.org.

We will also have trips to well-known locations such as the Sandhills Game Land and Woodlake. We hope everyone will visit the newly renovated museum as well as the merchandise counter at Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Also, you will find that the trails at the park are easier to traverse these days given the improved mapping and comprehensive signage.

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Our headquarters for the meeting will be at the Hampton Inn and Suites Southern Pines-Pinehurst located at Hwy. 15/501 in Aberdeen.



Hampton Inn & Suites Southern Pines-Pinehurst

We have a block of rooms reserved in addition to their spacious conference area. Rooms are \$109 per night plus 9.75% tax. In order to receive the CBC meeting rate, reservations must be made by calling their toll free number (1-866-238-4218) before April 5th. Reservations after the cut-off will be honored based on availability. There are numerous motels in the area if you cannot get a room at the Hampton Inn. Be aware that there are other events going on that weekend in the area, so you should not wait too long to make your lodging arrangements. The hotel will be accommodating our field trip schedule by having early breakfast hours, beginning at 6 a.m.

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*Red-headed Woodpecker.
Photographed by Frank Ripp.*



*Northern Bobwhite.
Photographed by Brady Beck.*



*Great Crested Flycatcher.
Photographed by Frank Ripp.*



*Red-cockaded Woodpecker.
Photographed by Mike McCloy.*

There will also be hummingbird banding and perhaps an actual prescribed burn. Participants signing up for whole day trips will want to ensure they bring a lunch with them, as locations for purchasing food are limited in the vicinity of some destinations. Options for 'birding on your own' on the way to the meeting will be posted at the CBC web site well ahead of time. Otherwise, you will find a number of possibilities in your registration packet when you arrive.



*Pottery Highway.
pulloverandletmeout.com.*

There are plenty of non-birding activities in the area such as equestrian competitions, exploring the Pottery Highway in the western part of the county, antiquing in the village of Cameron and, of course, golf. As always, check the schedule posted at registration for more details on all of the weekend's events. We will also have material on restaurants and additional family activities available when you arrive.

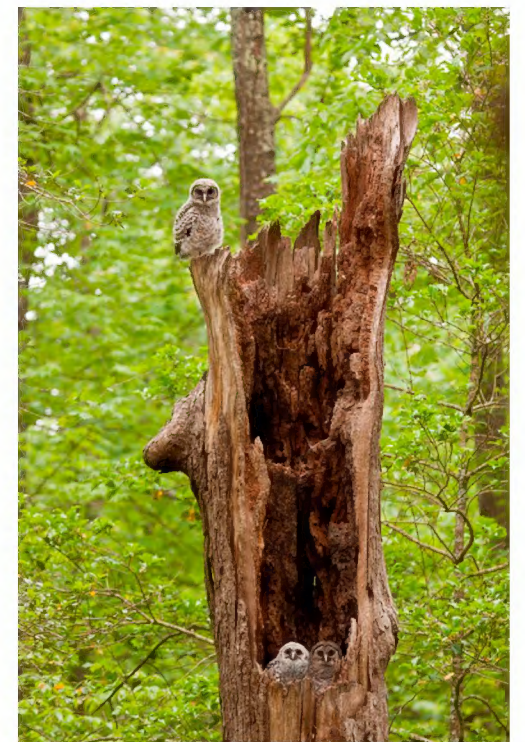
If you have any questions about lodging, field trips or the Southern Pines area, feel free to contact the meeting organizer, Susan Campbell, at (910) 695-0651 or email susan@ncaves.com



Brady Beck.. fayobserver.com.

Friday night local wildlife biologist Brady Beck will share images of the flora and fauna of the region. Brady's renowned photos and video from the Sandhills showcase the diversity of habitats and life of this unique area.

Many of his shots have been taken in the Sandhills Game Lands where he has worked for more than two decades. His dedication to not only preservation but restoration of the longleaf pine forest is not just a job but a long-term personal commitment.



*Barred Owl nestlings.
Photographed by Brady Beck.*

Saturday we will offer a catered barbeque buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. for \$15 per person (including tax and gratuity). Offerings will include pork, chicken and a vegetarian entrée, with sides and dessert. The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m., followed by a program by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Biologist John Hammond.

John, who works in the Raleigh Field Office, will discuss the ecology of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, as well as bring us up to date on the status of the species locally.

We look forward to hosting many of you here in Southern Pines in May!



*John Hammond.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife.*



Opportunities for Young Birders

Carolina Bird Club offers scholarships for birders 19 and under living in the Carolinas, who are members of the Carolina Young Birders Club.

Scholarships provide assistance in attending bird-related events, such as camps, workshop, training programs or CBC seasonal meetings.

For more information visit www.carolinabirdclub.org

Carolina Bird Club Bonus Field Trip - April 27-28, 2019 Blue Ridge Parkway/Blowing Rock By Steve Shultz

Join us as we seek out and enjoy early spring migrants on the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway and in the mountains and valleys near Blowing Rock, North Carolina!

Are you a fan of warblers? Then this trip is for you. Late April finds most of the breeding warblers on territory and singing up a storm. After the long winter months of sporadic sparrow songs and occasional owl hoots, the riot of sound in the mountains during spring is just what the birders' doctor ordered.



Blue Ridge Parkway in Spring. Photographed by Dave Allen.



Bass Lake. Pintrest.com.

We will venture north and south along the Blue Ridge Parkway from Blowing Rock in search of warblers, vireos, tanagers, grosbeaks and more, taking advantage of the sightlines provided by a not-yet-fully-leafed-out canopy.



*Hooded Warbler (l) and Canada Warbler.
allaboutbirds.org.*

In addition to birding along the Parkway, we'll visit Bass Lake for an enjoyable walk through rhododendron thickets favored by Canada and Hooded Warblers, and take a turn on the trail around Price Lake, a favored spot for Blackburnian Warblers.



*Blackburnian Warbler.
allaboutbirds.org.*

Sound like fun? Act quickly as space on this Bonus Trip is limited to 10 participants. A smaller group makes individualized interaction with the trip leaders easier and allows us to help you with identifying any of those "confusing warbler songs."

Logistics:

This trip visits the Blue Ridge Parkway in northern North Carolina April 27th and 28th. We will depart from the Holiday Inn Express in Blowing Rock at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday with a full day of birding on Saturday and a half day on Sunday. Registration cost is \$50. You must be a member of the Carolina Bird Club to attend, but you may join at the same time as you register if you are currently not a member. Participants are responsible for lodging, meals, and transportation. All levels of birding experience are welcome.



Holiday Inn Express in Blowing Rock. Yelp.com

Parking alongside the Parkway can be limited, so we will endeavor to combine into as few vehicles as possible.

Environmental hazards are few, and annoying insects are not usually problematic, but bring a rain jacket and sweater in case of showers or cool weather.

To Register:

Contact Steve Shultz for a reserved slot and a registration form. If your plans should change after registration, refunds are available through April 5th. After April 5th refunds are available if we can fill your slot.

**Steve Shultz
sshultz at nc.rr.com
919-629-7226**

Request for Data: Gull Day 1992–1996 from Maryland Birdlife

From 1992 through 1996, Rick Blom and I organized one-day winter Gull Day surveys throughout Maryland and DC, including additional sites in Delaware, Virginia, and North Carolina. The survey dates were:

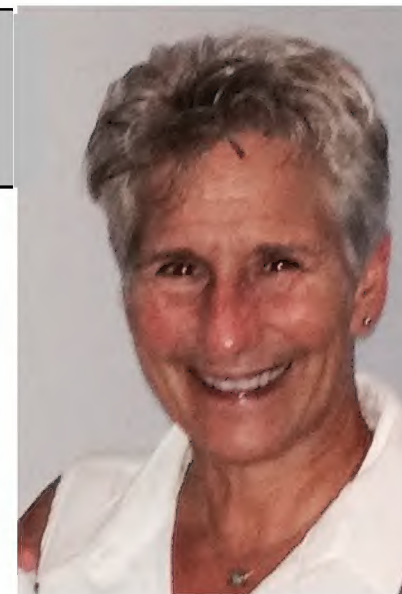
**18 January 1992
23 January 1993
29 January 1994
28 January 1995
10 February 1996 (a rescheduled weather date)**

Rick (along with his records) passed away in 2002 and all my records were destroyed by Hurricane Isabel in 2003. I'm seeking any surviving data that any survey participants might still have. I've received a good amount of data from Maryland birders that participated in the surveys. I don't remember who participated in the other states. I would like to summarize this data in an article for *Maryland Birdlife*. If you participated in the surveys and still have any data, please e-mail them to me. I thank you for your participation and any help that you can provide.

**Gene Scarpulla
Editor, *Maryland Birdlife*
ejscarp@comcast.net**

2018 Wrap Up—Christine Stoughton Root

**"Here's wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous new year of birding!"
In 2019 Carolina Bird Club looks forward to providing birding opportunities for our
members. Keep a close eye on the web site for up and coming
International and Domestic Bonus trips.**



Our Spring and Fall Seasonal meetings are returning to the Sandhills and the Charleston areas. It takes the assistance of many to make these events happen.

CBC is always looking for volunteers to share their expertise in the field. We all share the same passion for birding; conservation and preservation.

CBC extends a 'thank you' for numerous donations; used/new books, volunteer time (e.g. Field Trip Leaders), monetary contributions and the support of the membership.

Our volunteer Executive Board, along with the *Newsletter* and *The Chat* editors donate many hours every year.

Recapping 2018:

- CBC awarded grants that totaled \$6806.00.
- CBC awarded Young Birder Scholarships of \$2,370.00.
- The Young Birders Scholarship Fund was gifted a fortuitous grant from the Cornelia Carrier estate.
- CBC contributed to a land conservation partnership in 2015 with the Rocky Point Community Forest in Rocky Point, SC, which held its grand opening on December 1st.
- CBC held three successful Seasonal Meetings with a total of 488 participants, which included 19 young birders. We ended with 235 different species.
- 5 Bonus Trips- 3 International and 2 domestic.
- We celebrate 103 new members with 121 life members.
- The CBC Headquarters Secretary Carol Bowman received an updated computer to assist in her many tasks.
- Website Editor Kent Fiala made numerous improvements. These include the "Stay Logged In" option for your convenience, and a new application "County eBirding."
- After years of discussion, *The Chat* has moved to an entirely online publication, with access provided to all participating libraries, colleges etc. A portion of the yearly savings from the printing cost will go into the CBC conservation fund.
- CBC introduced CBC pins, a Club Banner and an updated Membership Brochure.
- Finally, we implemented a helpful new Toolkit for Seasonal Meeting Planners.

Newsletter Editor Needed by April 1, 2019

CBC is currently looking for a newsletter editor. Our current editor, Vivian Glover, will assist the next editor in coming onboard. They will also have assistance and support from the current executive board. If you are interested please send an email to the CBC secretary at hq@carolinabirdclub.org

We thank Vivian for her service and time. She is truly appreciated.

Christine Stoughton Root, President CBC

CAROLINA BIRD CLUB RESEARCH GRANTS

The CBC provides grants to support research, education and conservation of birds of the Carolinas and their habitats. Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. The CBC Grants Committee meets quarterly to review applications.

Research and Education Grants:

Applications should be made through an educational or non-profit institution. For student research projects, applications require the sponsorship of a faculty member. For secondary school programs, applications require a letter of support from the school principal. Applications should be prepared directly by the applicant and should include:

- A scope of work (preferably limited to two single-spaced pages), including species to be studied and the site where the work will be conducted.
- A detailed budget.
- Appropriate course work and other activities that would indicate that the applicant is capable of performing the described research.
- A letter of support from the faculty sponsor or school principal.
- Details of the starting date of the research and the time period for which funding is requested.
- The name of the payee and the address to which a check should be mailed.

Checks are made out to an institution or a department, not to an individual.

Allowable costs include, but are not necessarily limited to, laboratory supplies and limited travel to research sites. The Carolina Bird Club does not support institutional indirect costs.

Awardees must file a final report including an accounting of expenditures and a summary of research or programming no later than 30 days following the close of the grant period. **Any unused funds must be returned to CBC.**

Significant research findings will be reviewed for possible publication in The Chat, the ornithological journal of the CBC. Also, awardees may be invited to present their findings at a seasonal meeting of the CBC. In that case the CBC will cover all reasonable expenses incurred by the presenter.

Conservation Grants:

An official representative of the conservation organization should send an application which includes:

- Details of the purpose of the grant request.
- Project plans (with dates) as appropriate.
- The name of the payee and the address to which a check should be mailed.

Checks are made out to institution or a department, not to an individual.

Awardees must file a final report including an accounting of expenditures and a summary of the completed project no later than 30 days following its completion. **Any unused funds must be returned to CBC.**

Important: Grants are awarded for specific purposes. Should the recipient of a grant wish to allocate any part of the grant to a purpose other than that defined in the original application, prior permission must be obtained from the CBC Grants Committee. In the event that such permission is denied the grant monies concerned must be returned to the CBC.

Email completed applications or inquiries to: Grants Committee at www.carolinabirdclub.org.

Birder's Book Review

By Steve Shultz

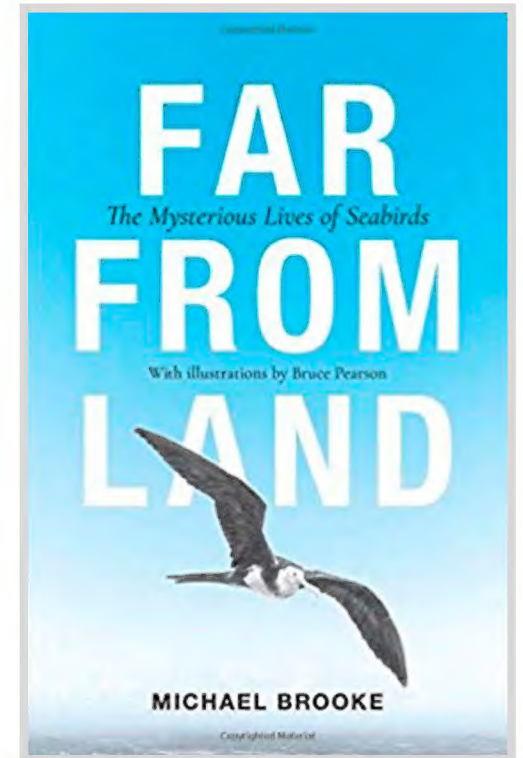
Far From Land: The Mysterious Lives of Seabirds

Michael Brooke with illustrations by Bruce Pearson

ISBN 978-0691174181, 264 pages, hardback

2018, Princeton University Press, \$29.95

Can birds sleep while on the wing? Do murres swim or fly when they migrate? (The answer might surprise you!) Do albatross really fly thousands of miles on foraging trips to glean food for hungry chicks? Why do males and females of some species feed in distinctly different areas?



If you've ever wanted to know the answers to these questions, or simply satisfy a curiosity about "the secret life of pelagic birds" then *Far From Land: The Mysterious Lives of Seabirds* by Michael Brooke may be the next must-read on your list. And in the case that you are not interested in learning juicy tidbits like where Cory's Shearwaters go in the winter, you probably know a birder who is, and after all, it's not too early to start that holiday shopping!

Over the span of 264 pages, Brooke takes us through an introduction to pelagic birds, explaining what they are and how they differ from our more familiar terrestrial feathered friends, and ends with a look at the interactions between seabirds and people. In between we get to experience life at sea as a pelagic bird, first hatching and leaving the nest (or scrape or burrow as the case may be), and then wandering the seas as a "teenager", and finally returning to the nesting area to produce the next generation.

Chapters explore in detail the effects of wind, weather, and currents on foraging strategy and success, the predilections of individual birds and variability in behavior, how birds find food, and how birds feed. These in-depth looks at how birds interact with their environment, find food, and fill niches in the food chain are largely possible due to relatively new technology. The author explains what types of instruments are used, how they work, and what we've learned. The findings are nothing short of fascinating.

While some chapters slant toward statistics and data collection and interpretation, the book provides information in readily understood fashion, making it enjoyable to both ornithologist and hobbyist .

By the end of the book you'll know if birds really spend their teenage years on the wing without alighting on shore, how murres get where they are going (and where they go), live the amazing journey of a chick-feeding tubenose on a foraging run, and understand why we don't see albatross with any regularity off the Carolinas, but regularly see South Atlantic nesting storm petrels, European-bred shearwaters, and Greenland-nesting Dovekies.

Good reading!

Welcome New CBC Members!

NEW LIFE MEMBER

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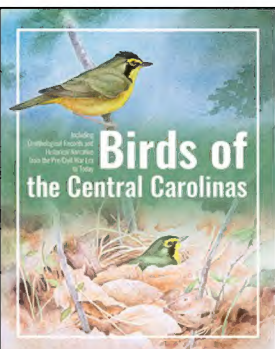
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Jerry & Debbie Stephens
Greenville, SC

Marcy, Jerry & Matthew Withrow
Charlotte, NC

Kathy Woolsey
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Greer, SC



Birds of the Central Carolinas. The definitive book about the birds of the central Carolinas is available through **Mecklenburg Audubon**. The book is a first of its kind, an authoritative, comprehensive summary of the status, distribution, and historical context of all the birds regularly occurring in the Piedmont of both Carolinas. It includes original historical research never before compiled and published in online sources; full accounts of 312 species with additional partial accounts of another 60 species; over 400 color photographs taken in the central Carolinas; and the complete results of the Mecklenburg County Breeding Bird Atlas.



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Fall 2019—Charleston, SC

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**Deadlines for submissions are the 15th of
December, February, April, June, August, and October.**

www.carolinabirdclub.org—UPDATE

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Membership dues include access to publications: the ***CBC Newsletter*** and ***The Chat***, which is only available on line. Tax deductible as allowable by law.

Cost for CBC bird checklists, including postage: 10@\$5.45, 25@\$13.40, 50@\$27.00, and 100@\$54.00.

Join the CBC at <https://www.carolinabirdclub.org/dues/>. Enter change of address at <https://www.carolinabirdclub.org/members/profile/>. Order checklists from: CBC Headquarters Secretary, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Copyright © 2018.

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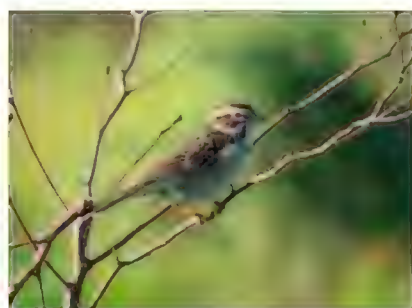
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Spring Into the Sandhills!

May 3 through May 5, 2019

by Susan Campbell

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Lark Sparrow
Photo by Jeff Beane

We hope everyone will take advantage of the renovated facilities at Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve as well. The new Discovery Center opened two years ago and there is now a gift shop selling park as well as general Sandhills merchandise with all proceeds going to support park initiatives and activities.



Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Photo by Mary Sonis

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Hummingbird banding event

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Prescribed Burn

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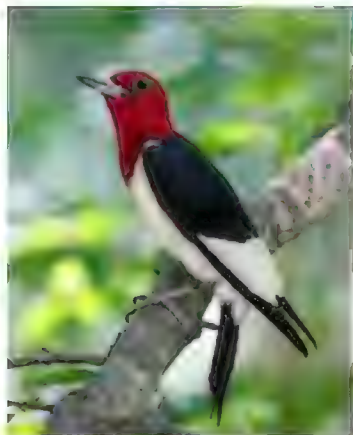


destinations. Options for 'birding on your own' on the way to the meeting will be posted at the CBC web site well ahead of time. Otherwise, you will find a number of possibilities in your registration packet when you arrive. We are very excited to offer for sale a special meeting t-shirt created by birder and artist Hal Broadfoot. The design will be similar to that on the previous Sandhills meeting shirts. A variety of sizes will be in hand and hopefully more than one color to choose from. These shirts should be a very special CBC memento from this meeting.



Pileated Woodpecker Family

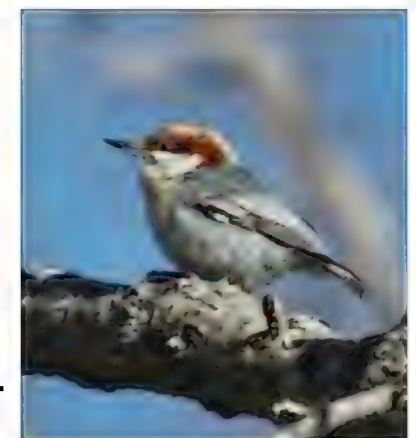
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Red-headed Woodpecker
Photo by Debra Regula

Join us Friday for *Social Hour* hosted by Sandhills Natural History Society in the meeting area from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The local club will provide hospitality and desserts ahead of the program. Local photographer Brady Beck is our scheduled speaker. Brady, who has been a biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission for three decades, will share some of his favorite images from his favorite place: the Sandhills Game Lands.

Saturday evening we will enjoy a barbeque buffet catered by the nationally famous Pick n' Pig. This restaurant, located at the Billy Mitchell Airfield (up in Carthage) is featured at the *\$100 Hamburger* website, known to aviators as a worthwhile destination for a fly-in meal. Dinner offerings will include pork, chicken, sides, salad bar and assorted desserts. We will also have a vegetarian offering from Valenti's Italian Restaurant. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. for \$20 per person (including tax and gratuity).



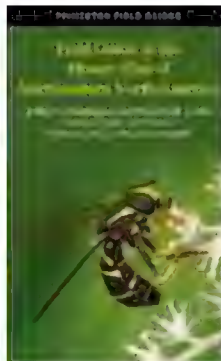
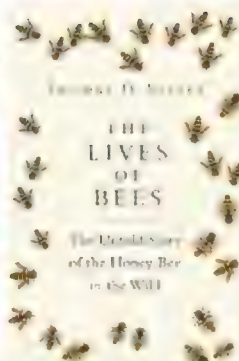
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Photo by Debra Regula

The Annual Meeting of the club will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a program at 8 p.m. by US Fish and Wildlife Biologist John Hammond. John will bring us up to speed on the status of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the Longleaf pine ecosystem that the bird calls home here in the Sandhills. He will also discuss management of different populations in the state, movements of the birds within North Carolina as well as tips for locating Red-cockadedes on your own.

Look forward to seeing many of you here in the Sandhills in May!

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Spring 2019 Natural History & Ornithology Highlights



BirdGenie™ is a breakthrough app that helps anyone with an Apple® or Android® smartphone or tablet accurately identify birds in the backyard, local park, or on the nature trail—all with the tap of a button! Just hold up your phone, record the bird singing, and BirdGenie™ helps you identify the species. The app's highly developed sound identification ability and expert matching system enable bird enthusiasts to achieve an accuracy unheard of in the birding field. It's perfect for anyone who wants to learn more about the birds around them.

Below is a link to all of the 2019 releases

<http://assets.press.princeton.edu/catalogs/birds19.pdf>

CBC 2019 Spring Meeting Schedule

Carolina Sandhills

Friday, May 3, 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Friday Morning	Saturday Morning
Trip 1: Woodlake - 7:15am to noon	Trip 14: Hobby Field & Horse Country - 8am to noon
Trip 2: Slate Road & Camp Mackall - 7am to noon	Trip 15: Auman Lake & West End - 7am to noon
Trip 3: Hobby Field & Horse Country - 8am to noon	Trip 16: All American Trail - 8:30am to noon
Trip 4: Weymouth Woods Sandhills NP - 7 to 11am	Trip 17: Weymouth Woods SNP - 8am to noon
Trip 5: Carvers Creek State Park - 7am to noon	
Friday Afternoon	Saturday Afternoon
Trip 6: Prescribed Burning - 2 to 4pm	Trip 18: Hummingbirds in the Sandhills - 1 to 3pm
Trip 7: Bird Photography - 2 to 4pm	Trip 19: Bees & Butterflies of the Sandhills - 2 to 4 pm
Trip 8: Red-cockaded Woodpecker Ecology - 2 to 4pm	Trip 20: Wildflowers of the Sandhills - 2 to 4pm
	Trip 21: Southern Pines & Pinehurst Hot Spots - 2 to 4pm
Friday Full Day	Saturday Full Day
Trip 9: Howell Woods - 6:45am to 5pm	Trip 22: Raven Rock State Park - 7am to 3pm
Trip 10: Sandhills Game Land - 7:15am to 3pm	Trip 23: Deep River & North Moore - 7:15am to 4pm
Trip 11: Diggs Tract and more - 7am to 5pm	Trip 24: Howell Woods - 6:45am to 5pm
Trip 12: Pee Dee NWR - 6:45am to 5pm	Trip 25: Pee Dee NWR - 6:45am to 5pm
	Trip 26: Lumber River Kayak Trip - 7am to 5pm

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Sunday Morning
Trip 27: Boyd Tract-hike to the old tree - 9 to 11am
Trip 28: Rarity Round-up - 7 to 11am

Registration begins March 23rd at 2pm.

Register online at www.carolinabirdclub.org, for best availability of field trips.

Online registration closes April 27th at 8am.

2019 Spring Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Trip 1: Woodlake

Enjoy a diversity of stops within the private residential golf community of Woodlake, which surrounds Lake Surf, the largest body of water in Moore County. Flooding from Hurricane Matthew created a hole in the dam, and the lake has drained, leaving it mostly mudflats and small pools. We will look for early migrating shorebirds, and also visit upland hardwood and pine stands for migrant passerines. The group will check the marsh behind the dam for Bald Eagle and breeding species such as Green Heron, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Vireo and Prothonotary Warbler. We will watch for large mammals such as Coyote, Grey Fox, Bobcat, River Otter, Beaver and Muskrat that frequent the area. Restrooms are available at a private residence where there will be a stop as well as just outside the main gate. The group should be back at the hotel by noon.

Trip 2: Slate Road & Camp Mackall

Join Fort Bragg Biologist, Alan Schultz for a guided tour of habitats around Camp Mackall. The installation is a satellite training area of Ft. Bragg with pine savannas, bottomland hardwoods, and early successional scrubland for training. It is here, where the Army's elite Special Forces train, that Lark Sparrows historically have bred. These areas are subject to military training and therefore generally off limits to public access. There are open areas of Longleaf Pine and wiregrass where we may find Northern Bobwhite, Loggerhead Shrike, Red-cockaded Woodpecker and Brown-headed Nuthatch. The bottomland habitat could produce Wood Duck, Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Parula and perhaps Swainson's Warbler. A beaver pond may harbor Green Heron, Belted Kingfisher, and Wood Duck. We will also check out a roadside population of the Federally Endangered Michaux's Sumac. There will be several stops with short periods of walking at each. Restroom facilities available. The trip will end at noon.

Trips 3 & 14: Hobby Field & Horse Country

We will head to 'horse country' on the eastern edge of Southern Pines and focus on open-country birds. First stop will be Hobby Field, an area recently acquired by the Sandhills Area Land Trust. This seventy-acre site has been home to, among other things, a pair of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers the past three summers. On our hike around the perimeter of the field, we also expect to see Grasshopper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird and perhaps a Loggerhead Shrike. Next, we will take a walk into the adjacent Walthour-Moss Foundation property. On this 4,000 acre, fire-managed site, we will find birds typical of Longleaf Pine like Pine Warbler, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Bachman's Sparrow, and Red-cockaded Woodpecker. We should encounter species associated with mixed pine hardwood such as Summer Tanager, Acadian Flycatcher and Red-eyed Vireo and perhaps Red-shouldered Hawk. The trip will also include stops at a few nearby farms to look for species typical of early successional vegetation as well as Sandhills drains. If we are lucky, we may see Northern Bobwhite, Wild Turkey or even members of our breeding American Kestrel population. Bring plenty to drink and comfortable walking shoes. There will be a restroom stop. We depart at 8 and return to the hotel by noon.

Trips 4 & 17: Weymouth Woods State Nature Preserve

Walking about a mile of the loop trails through typical Sandhill streamhead drains, we will look for flocks of migrant flycatchers, thrushes and warblers. Songs of Blue-headed Vireo and Bachman's Sparrow, which breed at the preserve, should be heard. There will also be the opportunity to learn about the breeding groups of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at the park this season. Fox Squirrels are more active this time of year, so look for family groups foraging in the woods. The group will also get a good look at the newest changes to the creek bottom as a result of our resident beaver's winter work. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a camera - there could be some good photo opportunities. The program will be over about 11a.m.

Trip 5: Carvers Creek State Park - Long Valley Farm

We will visit one of the state's newest parks, Carvers Creek SP, which includes the historical Long Valley Farm, northwest of Fayetteville. The farm was the bequest of the conservation minded James Stillman Rockefeller in 2004 and includes the family's winter home, an old millpond, and other farm structures that are in the National Register of Historical Places. The property provides a mix of farmland, pasture, mixed forest, and Longleaf Pine communities adjacent to Ft. Bragg. We will explore healthy, fire-maintained Longleaf Pine communities, a mature cypress-gum swamp, and wet meadows that support carnivorous plants like pitcher plants and sundews. Fox Squirrel has been seen on the property as well as Bachman's Sparrow, Red-cockaded Woodpecker and Loggerhead Shrike. There is an established Purple Martin colony adjacent to the family's old home. Birding potential at this site is still largely unknown, but expect a variety from Pine Warbler and Brown-headed Nuthatch to Great Crested Flycatcher, Prairie Warbler and Blue Grosbeak. There are restrooms at the park visitor's center. The group will be back at the hotel by noon.

2019 Spring Meeting Field Trip Descriptions/continued

Trip 6: Prescribed Burning

You will have the unique opportunity to join park staff at Weymouth Woods State Nature Preserve for an up-close look at how a prescribed burn is prepared and conducted. Participants will measure weather parameters, and if conditions are favorable, staff will burn a small area. The program will last about two hours.

Trip 7: Bird Photography

Join Deborah Regula and learn basic techniques for beautiful images of birds. Deb is a local award winning photographer who has been capturing a variety of species digitally for a decade. The group will work the area close to the WEWO Visitor's Center, as well as the bird feeding station, looking for a variety of photo opportunities. Even if you are familiar with the process, you may pick up pointers on composition, improving focus, depth of field, and overall picture quality. This workshop will last about two hours.

Trip 8: Red-cockaded Woodpecker Nesting Ecology

Join local woodpecker biologist Kerry Brust to learn about the unique ecology of this native endangered species. Hear about the history of woodpecker conservation efforts in the Sandhills. Field techniques used for monitoring of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers during the breeding will be demonstrated. The program will last about two hours.

Trips 9 & 24: Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

Howell Woods is located approximately 75 miles east of Southern Pines in Johnston County along the Neuse River. It is a large (2800 acre) property with a variety of habitats from open fields to bottomland hardwoods. There are extensive trails throughout and a number of streams and ponds as well as the river. We will spend some time viewing the exhibits at the Visitor's Center (where there are restroom facilities). One of the highlights should be seeing Mississippi Kites; at least one pair breeds on the property during the summer. Individuals are frequently seen soaring over the fields while searching for large insects. Be prepared to see a wide variety of species including Green Heron, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Wood Thrush, Indigo Bunting, Yellow-throated Vireo, Kentucky Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes since there is some relief along the trails; however, the walking will not be too strenuous. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch. The group should be back at the hotel by 5 p.m.

Trip 10: Sandhills Game Land

The Sandhills Game Land boasts 60,000 acres of well-managed Longleaf Pine communities, all open to the public. Join longtime local birder Susan Campbell to visit some of the birding hotspots within and immediately adjacent to SGL, 30 minutes south of our hotel. Most of the species commonly found in xeric and mesic upland Longleaf Pine communities should be seen. In addition to searching for Bachman's Sparrow and Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Susan will discuss how the state is gradually restoring the Game Land's forests to their original state. There will be stops in the Bird Dog Field Trial area to look for such species as Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak and Yellow-breasted Chat. If we are lucky, we may see one of the locally breeding Mississippi Kites. In addition, we will visit the McKinney Lake Fish Hatchery where we may find lingering water birds, or even spot a foraging Bald Eagle. A stop may also be made along Drowning Creek to search for flocks of migrants. There will be a restroom break along the way, but be sure to bring lunch. We will return to the hotel by 3 p.m.

Trip 11: Diggs Tract & more

Participants of this trip will accompany Bruce Sorrie and Harry LeGrand, retired botanist and zoologist with the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, to two very different destinations near Rockingham, Richmond County. The first, the Diggs Tract, is a recent acquisition by NCWRC. It has hilly piedmont-type terrain fronting the nutrient-rich, brownwater Pee Dee River. We will make a 4.5 mile drive through oak-pine woodlands, hardwood slopes, and regenerating clear-cuts, with stops for birds. The big attraction is the river corridor with its mature floodplain forests, easily reaching 120 feet tall. Adjacent slopes support mature beech-oak-hickory forest. The uplands should produce Yellow-breasted Chat, Prairie Warbler and Indigo Bunting, with Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Parula, Kentucky Warbler, Hooded Warbler, and Acadian Flycatcher along the river. However, there are likely to be good numbers of migrants coming up the river, with the chance of some shorebirds, cormorants, terns or gulls in the mix. In recent years Bald Eagles have nested nearby.

The second stop has not yet been named, but likely will be a site within the Sandhills Game Land. There we will check out longleaf pine communities (uplands and streamhead) for Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow, and Brown-headed Nuthatch, as well as some spiffy plants.

Everyone should pack a lunch. Restrooms are available at a gas station between our 2 major stops. Group will be back at the hotel by 5 p.m.

2019 Spring Meeting Field Trip Descriptions/continued

Trip 12 & 25: Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge

We will travel southwest an hour to Anson County, home of the Pee Dee NWR. Famous for its wintering waterfowl and nationally significant floodplain forest, PDNWR has much to offer. Although most waterfowl will have departed to northern nesting grounds, we will likely see Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, possibly Anhinga, Red-shouldered Hawk, and forest passerines such as Wood Thrush, Prothonotary, Kentucky, Northern Parula, and Hooded Warblers, American Redstart. We will drive and walk on dike roads and walk on dry boardwalks, with short walks into the forest. The new visitor's center features excellent displays and clean restrooms. Bring lunch and water. The group should return to the hotel by 5 p.m.

Trip 15: Auman Lake and West End

This large reservoir in western Moore County offers the possibility of lingering waterfowl and Double-crested Cormorant, as well as possibility of Bald Eagle and Osprey. Historically the lake has been a magnet to assorted migrating ducks, herons, egrets, gulls and even White Pelicans (in 2017). Spring birding potential at this site is relatively unknown given that it (like Woodlake) is a gated community. But we believe it is full of promise! Near West End we will visit Lighter-wood Farm, where the Wimberley family has lived and managed the land for 150 years. Jesse, a well-known local conservationist will guide us around the property. We will experience fire-managed longleaf pine uplands, streamhead pocosins, and a beaver pond. En route we will check out a few spots for Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat, and others. There will be a restroom stop between sites. We will return to the hotel by noon.

Trip 16: All American Trail.

This is an easy walk on a firm surface (but not paved), level for most of the way. The All American Trail hugs the perimeter of Fort Bragg for many miles and we will see firsthand how the longleaf pine community has been restored with controlled burns. Resident birds, including Red-cockaded Woodpecker, will be featured, along with nesting migratory species. The trail is handicapped accessible so can accommodate wheelchairs. Note our relaxed departure time of 8:30 a.m. We will return to the hotel by noon.

Trip 18: Hummingbirds

This is your chance to ask questions about hummingbird ecology and feeding in North Carolina. The group will observe Ruby-throated Hummingbirds up close as they are banded as part of ongoing research at the visitor's center. Don't forget your camera (and be sure it is charged up)! It is possible that a few lucky participants may even have the chance to release any hummingbirds that are trapped. The program will end around 3:30 p.m. or when the hummers thin out at the feeders. Susan Campbell, who is a Seasonal Naturalist at the park, has been working with hummingbirds for 20 years will be our leader.

Trip 19: Bees & Butterflies

On this hike we will be in search of flying critters *without* feathers. There will be an assortment of bees, butterflies as well as dragon and damselflies along the way. It will almost certainly be an opportunity to sharpen your Duskywing and Cloudywing identification skills. These species are plentiful along the trails at Weymouth Woods. Hoary-edged Skippers may also be fairly common at this time of year. In addition, we may encounter Pearly Eye as well as American Copper. Watch for Twin-spotted Spiketail, Blue Corporal, Common Sandragon and maybe even a Springtime Farmer. The group should certainly see an Ebony Jewelwing or two as well. The program will last about two hours.

Trip 20: Wildflowers

The winding trails of Weymouth Woods will take us through several types of upland Sandhills habitats in search of local spring specialties such as blooming pitcher plants, sundews, Carolina Wild Indigo, Common Goat's-rue, Dwarf Locust, Slender Roseling, Carolina Sandwort, and Tread Softly. The terrain will be good, but be prepared to get close to dense vegetation - long pants and long sleeves are encouraged. The walk will be approximately two hours long. Our guide will be Terry Sharpe, retired biologist and local expert on the local flora.

Trip 21: Southern Pines & Pinehurst

We will walk along the boundary of the historic Moore County Airport to look for Grasshopper Sparrow, Horned Lark, and other grassland species. Explore trails at Southern Pines Reservoir Park and Sandhills Community College for migrants and early breeders among the expanse of Longleaf Pines, flowering trees, and wetland vegetation. We may even glimpse a Fox Squirrel or two! Be sure to wear appropriate footwear and long pants since you may be walking through extensive grassy and damp areas. There are restroom opportunities along the way. The trip will be led by the McCloys: both David and Michael who have birded these areas for many years - and will end at noon.

2019 Spring Meeting Field Trip Descriptions/continued

Trip 22: Raven Rock State Park

We will travel to Raven Rock State Park northeast of Sanford, in the lower piedmont in Harnett County. We will stroll the spectacular half mile long bluffs along the Cape Fear River, surrounded by pine-hardwoods where neotropical migrants are often plentiful. Extensive stands of Mountain Laurel should be in full bloom. Woodland birding in the park often turns up mixed flocks with unexpected species in the spring such as Wilson's Warbler. Down by the river is a floodplain forest of tall hardwoods with Parula Warbler, Hooded Warbler, American Redstart, and Acadian Flycatcher. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes since there is quite a bit of relief along the trails; however, the walking will not be too strenuous. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch. The group should be back at the hotel by 4 p.m.

Trip 23: Deep River and Northern Moore County

In stark contrast to the Longleaf Pine habitats of southern Moore county are the hardwood forests and bottomlands of the Deep River corridor in the piedmont of northern Moore. Nutrient-rich soils produce forests of imposing heights - 120 feet or more. We will hike through one floodplain forest in search of Hooded and Kentucky Warblers, American Redstart, Acadian Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Wood Thrush. Adjacent rocky slopes and creeks should have Louisiana Waterthrush, Broad-winged Hawk, Great Crested Flycatcher, and both species of tanagers. Enroute we will make stops at pastures, clearcuts, and semi-open habitats for Yellow-breasted Chat, Eastern Kingbird, Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow, both vultures, and Red-tailed Hawk. Bring lunch and drinks. If time permits, a visit to the historical House in the Horseshoe and its hayfields. Our leader will be Bruce Sorrie and Harry LeGrand, both birders and botanists. There are no facilities on this route, except in Carthage and at the House in the Horseshoe. Back at hotel by 4 p.m.

Trip 26: Lumber River Kayak Trip

Looking for something a bit different? Spend the day on the chalk banked Lumber River in a kayak and bird along eight miles of the only blackwater river in NC to be designated as a National Wild and Scenic River by the US Department of the Interior. The trees found in the floodplain swamp surrounding the river, including Bald Cypress, Tupelo, Water Elm, River Birch, and Tulip Poplar, lend to a remote feel and provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Birds in the area include Barred Owls, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfishers, and Prothonotary Warblers, as well as possible migrants. Non-bird species could include the White-tailed Deer, Beavers, and, if we are lucky, even Black bear and Northern River Otters. You can bring your own kayak or rent one for \$35, which includes transportation of the boat and the kayaker/ birder to and from the river. Pack a lunch as we will be on the river for the day. This will be a full day trip. The river is less than 45 minutes from area hotels.

Trip 27: Boyd Tract

A short drive from the Weymouth Woods visitor's center is a protected area of old growth longleaf pine. It includes the oldest known longleaf anywhere - 475 years! - as well as many other veterans. Our guide will inform us of the history of how this forest became protected and will explain the challenges of maintaining such an ancient stand of trees. It will be a very unique and informative hike. We will return to the visitor's center by 11 a.m.

Trip 28: Rarity Round-up

This trip will revisit locations birded earlier in the weekend in order to relocate noteworthy species seen earlier in the weekend. Destinations will be based on the collective interest of the group. Exact route will be the leader's choice. Trip will conclude by lunchtime.

Special Notes on Field Trips

*All trips are limited to 15 people.

*Please ensure you bring a lunch and drinks with you for full-day trips and snacks and drinks for half-day trips.

*Please note that some field trips depart from the hotel, while others depart from Weymouth Woods Visitor's Center. Please plan accordingly. Most trips carpool to minimize the number of vehicles; if you have room or wish to ride with other participants, please let your field trip leader know.

*The Sandhills Game Land trip will require higher-clearance vehicles, due to soft sand and high road-crowns. SUVs are preferred.

*And finally, it will be turkey season at meeting time, so it is suggested that you bring a brightly colored hat along. A number of our trip destinations are public lands that are open to hunting, and our leaders will steer clear of hunters. But nonetheless, it's a good idea for folks to be somewhat more 'visible' as we venture out into the woods - just in case.

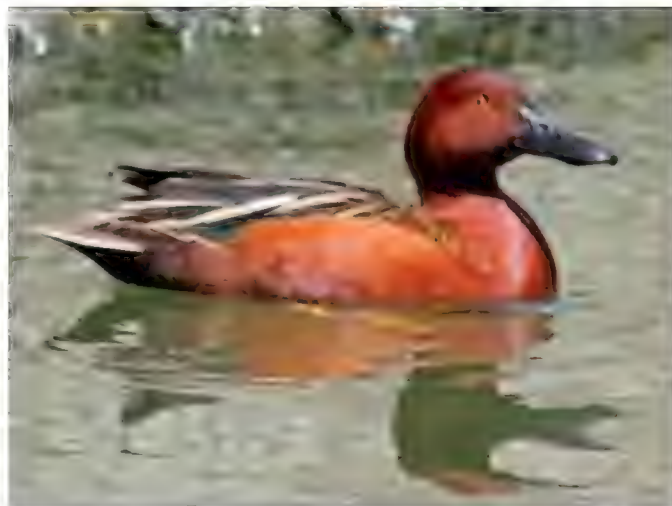
OBX 2019 Continues Though Memories

and the TOP RATED eBird photo of 2018!
by Les Coble, Eastern NC Representative-at-Large

Several years ago friends at a Christmas party announced they were foregoing wrapped presents and would start their relationship over with the gift of memories - traveling. Locally, global warming has strengthened the Outer Banks as a mecca for winter and migratory birding. OBX would be listed in the top 10 for winter birding in the U.S. Memorable sightings abounded at this year's OBX.

Whether it be a life bird or a sighting of a known bird seemingly acting out of character this year's OBX Winter Birding Weekend had many attendees mentioning birding memories. The out-of-territory Golden crowned Sparrow and Cinnamon Teal. stole the show. These two species, speaking to a reporter in the pseudo-periodical *A Bird's Guide to Bird Watchers*, stated their appearances were their "only east coast performances this year!"

The Cinnamon Teal male was dressed gayly for the event in it's alternate breeding plumage, while the Golden-crowned Sparrow sported a subdued basic winter gown that was becoming for the unusual gas station stage it selected for the show, but still to the delight of the audience (and station owner.)



Courtesy:
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cinnamon_Teal_male_RWD2.jpg

The Cinnamon Teal on River Road in Alligator River NWR was fortunately spotted early in the day, on Thursday, before the Weekend by Les Coble and Al Gamache of the Lower Neuse Bird Club. Big Al's uncharacteristic questioning of the possible sighting was a twist and downturn of the head. The bird was not known and certainly not expected to be in that flock of over 200 Green-winged Teal that had just flown in from over the woods on the north side of the flooded field. A quick scan by Les confirmed the Teal as it began to place itself in the typical view all weekend; that is, hunkered down in the middle of the flock. An immediate email to CarolinaBirds@duke.edu allowed confirmation within ½ hour. The Teal remained onsite throughout the Weekend.

The Golden-crowned Sparrow was a more amazing happenstance, located by a California birder walking around a convenient gas station in Harbinger, NC. In now well-known Patagonia Picnic Table Effect it's winter feeding flock friends of Song Sparrows, White-throated Sparrows, Carolina Wren and Mockingbird included a Dickcissel!



Carolina Wren—Photo by Deborah Roy

168 members came to the Nags Head Ramada. 17 of the attendees were first time participants and three were from the Youth CBC, whose accomplishments are growing and growing. Want additional proof? The photo below is now in the Macauley Library as its Top Rated Photo of 2018! Martina Nordstrand came to the Weekend and led trips to Roanoke Island and Pea Island. Use the link in the photo credits and you will develop additional appreciation for this amazing photo, bringing home the significance of this captured moment. In fact, Martina has a photographic eye whenever capturing a birding moment. Take the time to see this lovely ability to compose a camera shot on her Facebook page.



2018's top-rated photo in eBird: Black Rosy-Finch
by Martina Nordstrand of YCBC!!!

Our weekend speaker, Bob Schamerhorn (<http://iphotobirds.com/>), had many amazing photographs, so many in fact the truly outstanding seemed to get lost in the presentations. One thing not lost was the 88 species he has tallied at his backyard water feature.

OBX 2019 Continues Though Memories/continued

One must remember he is in a residential area! The number of warblers and other deep woods birds were a pleasure to see drinking and bathing in the shallow pool. A water feature I had in Maryland never ceased to amaze. One notable example was the bewildered Titmouse who could not determine how to crack open the snails it pulled from along the side of the collection pool. It had to resort to watching a Scarlet Tanager break them open and feed a youngster, and only settle for the scraps. Water features do bring hours of enjoyment.

Bob Schamerhorn was mentored by the Lynchburg (VA) Bird Club when he was young, and now gives back to enthusiasts and bird clubs with his photos and talks that capture and inspire through the sharing of his enthusiasm.



Tufted Titmouse photo courtesy of Bob Schamerhorn

Thanks Bob for getting that first digital camera. Your innate passion for art and nature shown through all weekend. We will be looking forward to your next photo award. Lesson learned CBCers – Introduce a young birder to our scholarship program. Details are on the CBC website at <https://www.carolinabirdclub.org/grants/ybc/>. Donations to this proven valuable program are graciously welcomed.

Jamie Gilson of Brevard NC, the YCBC recipient of a scholarship to the camp at the U of Delaware's Cape Henlopen Campus and a popular camp destination choice across the Country, gave us his glowing remarks on attendance and experiences at Saturday evening's banquet. Jaimie did not have to proclaim his attendance so appreciatively as we were able to see and hear in his voice the fun at meeting other like-minded youth and the camp directors.

Clearly the new knowledge was put to use as he was also helping Les Coble locate birds for attendees at a trip to River Road. Thanks Jamie for sharing your knowledge and skill.

The weekend sightings list totaled approximately 174 species. New sightings from Sunday morning's outings are still being evaluated.

A Harlequin, Glaucous Gull, and Common Gallinule are still being reported, as well as the Cinnamon Teal and Dickcissel.



Fair weather prevailed for the pelagic trip. The leader

Dickcissel - Photo by Kent Fiala

noted foul weather may have produced more species. However, participants were unsure to laud or curse the seas, Dramamine notwithstanding. But a day on the ocean is always adrenaline filled as any moment can produce an unexpected species. Close looks at birds around the boat has one realizing how Brian and the helpful crew of dedicated spotters use flight and feeding characteristics to confirm visual pattern ID, just as we landlubbers do onshore.

Thanks to Christine Stoughton Root, CBC President for searching for and addressing every possible detail to make the Weekend a success. Les Coble, referring to himself as "Executive Assistant", wanted attendees to know she was the guiding CEO, whose pleasant style allowed our trip leaders to concentrate on the birds. We cannot adequately express our appreciation for their willingness to assist the attendees. Attendees responded with praise for the leaders patience and persistence to help locate more elusive species.



Opportunities for Young Birders

Carolina Bird Club offers scholarships for birders 19 and under living in the Carolinas, who are members of the Carolina Young Birders Club.

Scholarships provide assistance in attending bird-related events, such as camps, workshop, training programs or CBC seasonal meetings.

For more information visit www.carolinabirdclub.org.

Welcome New CBC Members!

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CBC Spring Executive Committee Elections

We have an urgent need to fill a vacancy for **Eastern North Carolina Member-at-Large** on the executive committee for a two-year term 2019-2021. Members-at-large, along with the other members of the Executive Committee, guide the CBC by setting strategy and club programs, seeking and responding to members' ideas, and safekeeping the club's resources. In addition, Members-at-large form the planning committee for meetings (and you know you have ideas on how meetings should be run). If you are interested in serving your club in this capacity, please contact hq@carolinabirdclub.org.

The annual election for CBC officers will take place at the Spring Seasonal Meeting in Southern Pines, NC. We invite you to participate by reviewing the slate of nominees below and voting at the meeting. We will also take nominations from the floor during the meeting. If you are interested in serving in any of the open roles, please send an email to hq@carolinabirdclub.org.

The nominees for Executive Committee positions are:

President – Lewis Burke – Columbia, SC (First one-year term)
Western NC Vice President – Guy McGrane – Deep Gap, NC (One three-year term)
SC Member-at-Large – Ed Blitch – Charleston, SC (First two-year term)

Incumbents in positions eligible for re-election are listed below. The eligible term for re-election is listed following the Incumbents' names:

Treasurer – Paul Dayer – Durham, NC (Third and final one-year term)
Secretary – Jill Midgett – Charleston, SC (Second one-year term)
Western NC Member-at-Large – Marilyn Westphal, Hendersonville, NC (Second and final two-year term)
Eastern NC Member-at-Large – Lester Coble – Ernul, NC (Second and final two-year term)
Eastern NC Member-at-Large – TBD (First two-year term)

Incumbents elected at the Spring 2018 meeting to be ratified:

Western NC Member-at-Large – Karyl Gabriel, High Point, NC (First two-year term, expiring 2020)

The following position was appointed to complete an existing term:

Eastern NC Vice President – Martina Nordstrand-Indian Trail NC

Spring 2019 Southern Pines, NC Registration Form
Registration Begins March 23rd @ 2pm. Register online for

Best Availability of Field Trips at

www.carolinabirdclub.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip Code** _____

Meeting Registration (Member) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

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Buffet Dinner _____ **Vegetarian option** _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Meeting registration at the door costs \$40.

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:

CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip.

I will release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) the Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature _____ **Date** _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Processing of mail-in registrations will not begin until online registration opens.

Online Registration closes at 8 a.m. April 27th, 2019

Cancellations will be refunded if received by 6pm on April 19

After online registration closes, cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary at

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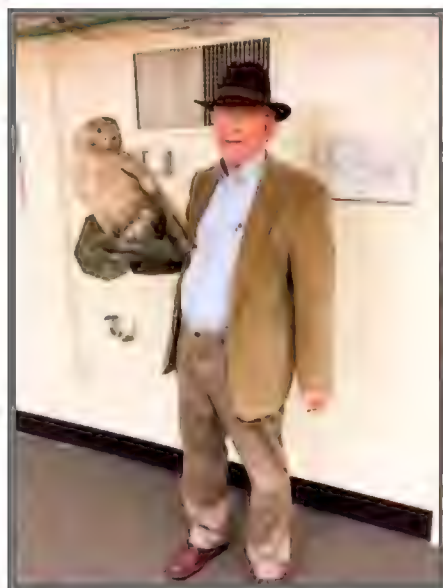
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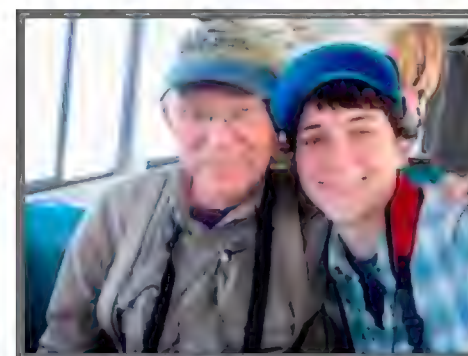
CBC's New President Is Excited to Get Started!



Lewis Burke
President

Written by Lewis Burke, President

When I was four years old, I saw a Red-headed Woodpecker for the first time, and I have been a birder ever since. With the Carolina Bird Club, I have birded all over the U.S, including Alaska. Of course, our meetings in the mountains, the Outer Banks, and the S.C. Coast have given me many great birding experiences, but I must admit my favorite birding spot is our family farm in Saluda County, South Carolina. My daughter Cranford is the farmer and grows some delicious vegetables for market, but I am even more excited about the 22 species of warblers which have been spotted there. In fact, when we were looking for a name for the farm, my suggestion was "Warbler Creek Farm." (I don't know whether it was actually everyone else's favorite name, but they all accepted my idea.) In my 71 years, I have been a member of numerous environmental organizations such as the Nature Conservancy



Lewis & his daughter Christine
celebrating a life bird,

and the Sierra Club, as well as six birding clubs. I have been a member of the Carolina Bird Club for ten years, and I have come to think of it as my favorite activity because it combines birding, concern for the environment, and most importantly friendships. Our birding community is truly important to me and I hope that as president I can uphold the high standards that have been set by our prior presidents. I really want the membership to let me know what we can do to make their membership as meaningful for them as possible.

PS: I have now seen all of the regularly reoccurring woodpeckers in the lower 48 states and unfortunately, the Lewis's Woodpecker is quite unattractive and my least favorite.

Newly Appointed & Re-Elected Executive Committee Members

President – Lewis Burke – Columbia, SC (First one-year term)
Western NC Vice President – Guy McGrane – Deep Gap, NC (One three-year term)
SC Member-at-Large – Ed Blitch – Charleston, SC (First two-year term)
Eastern NC Member-at-Large – Sandra Gahlinger – Morehead City, NC (First two-year term)

The following position was appointed to complete an existing term:
Eastern NC Vice President – Martina Nordstrand-Indian Trail NC

Re-elected positions listed below:

Treasurer – Paul Dayer – Durham, NC (Third and final one-year term)
Secretary – Jill Midgett – Charleston, SC (Second one-year term)
Western NC Member-at-Large – Marilyn Westphal, Hendersonville, NC (Second and final two-year term)

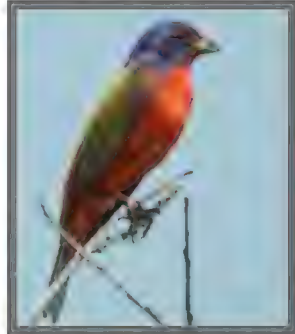
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Fall Into the Lowcountry!

Meeting Planners: Jill Midgett and Craig Watson
September 26 through September 29, 2019
by Craig Watson

The Fall Seasonal Meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held in the South Carolina lowcountry, headquartered in Summerville. This affords quick and easy access to some of the best birding spots in the lowcountry and is a short drive to historic downtown Charleston. A city rich in history and nationally acclaimed for its beautiful landscapes and well-preserved architecture, we will gather for our meeting the weekend of September 26-29. Registration begins the afternoon of the 26th and field trips will continue thru Sunday morning the 29th.



Painted Bunting
Photo by Carl Miller

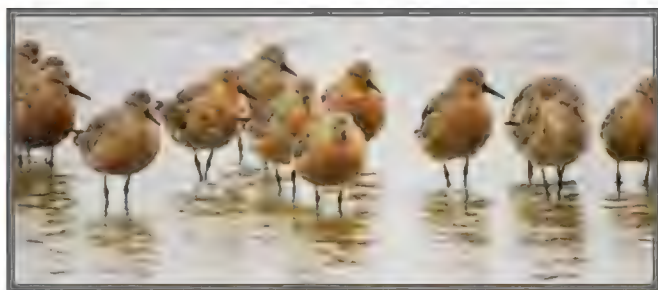
Charleston's proximity to some of South Carolina's finest and most treasured natural coastal resources allows us to offer trips to habitats ranging from wild, scenic beaches to longleaf pine savannas. We expect excellent birding, and our field trips are being designed to offer participants the opportunity to enjoy the best this region has to offer. We will offer birding trips



Black-bellied
Whistling-Duck

south to the ACE Basin, north to the Santee Delta, and inland to the Orangeburg Sod Farm. Destinations include the Sea Islands (Kiawah and Seabrook), Charleston Harbor (Pitt St., Patriot's Point, Ft. Moultrie) Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, Dewees Island (NEW), Edisto Beach hotspots, Botany Bay (led by Dr. Sidney Gauthreaux), Folly Beach area hotspots (including little known Ft. Lamar), state wildlife management areas north and south, Francis Marion National Forest, Francis Beidler Forest and Pine Bluff (new Audubon SC tract), and Caw Caw Interpretive Center. Shorebird migration should be going strong, and we will seek out these southbound migrants as well as many of the other marsh and seabirds associated with rich coastal environments.

Fall along the coast can also be particularly exciting for Neotropical songbird migration, and we will explore some of the area's "migrant traps" in search of these species.



Red Knots
Photo by Craig Watson

Wading birds will be abundant, with Roseate Spoonbills now occurring year round in South Carolina. We will also offer two butterfly walks, a Young Birder's Workshop, a photography workshop (how to use your point and shoot camera, and SLR), assisting banding efforts at the Kiawah Island Banding Station, a rarity chase



Roseate Spoonbill
Photo by Carl Miller



Baltimore Orioles
Photo by Marcie Daniels

on Sunday, and a possible pelagic/offshore birding trip. If you want to see Baltimore Orioles and a possible Western Tanager, we have arranged access to a few homes in the area that attract these birds. Stay tuned for a comprehensive list of field trips in the next issue of the newsletter. In addition to our exciting slate of field trips led by knowledgeable local birders, participants have an opportunity to enjoy excellent evening presentations on bird-related topics. So make your hotel reservation now!

Our meeting headquarters is the Wyndham Garden Inn, north of Charleston in Summerville. It is conveniently located near I-26 and I-526, providing quick access to birding hotspots in all directions, and only 25 minutes away from downtown Charleston. Special room rates are being offered to CBC members for \$119/night (not including taxes). To reserve a room contact the Wyndham Garden Hotel Directly at 1-843-875-3300, and be sure to identify yourself as a Carolina Bird Club participant. Any requests for special room arrangements may be made at the time of your reservation. The reservation cut-off date for these rates is September 12, 2019 so please don't delay. Check-in time is 3:00 PM, Check-out time is 11:00 AM.



Wyndham Gardens Inn
Photo from website

The hotel has a restaurant that serves breakfast but not lunch or dinner. Restaurants including Cracker Barrel, Ruby Tuesday, and Carolina Ale House are within walking distance, and many more are within a quick drive from the hotel. Each room has a microwave, mini-fridge, coffee maker, and Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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Fall Trip continued from page 2

Registrants arriving on Thursday, September 26th, may pick up their registration packets that afternoon. The hotel will be the location for our evening programs and other social events related to our meeting.



Arch McCallum with dish,
Photo by Ed Harris

Our Friday night speaker is Arch McCallum. Arch will present a unique program titled "Empids Demystified!" A native of South Carolina and a member of the CBC since 1959, Arch has been fascinated by birds all his life, and has been recording and analyzing their sounds since 1981. He's especially interested in the evolution of vocal repertoires in large genera, particularly chickadees and *Empidonax* flycatchers.



He has studied all 15 species of empids on their breeding grounds, from Alaska to Costa Rica and from the Sierra Madre to the Appalachians. After retiring from teaching ornithology, ecology, and

other wonderful subjects at the College of Charleston, Arch now leads the occasional birding tour in the Southwest and works on web-presentations of his research on bird sounds.



Arch McCallum with scope,
Photo by Bert Keller



Aija & Ed Konrad, Black Canyon of the Gunnison
National Park, CO Photo by Ed Konrad

Join us on Saturday evening to experience the riveting journeys of Aija and Ed Konrad as Aija challenged herself to a United States Big Year in 2018! Titled "Tales of a Big Year ... the Journey to 577", Aija and Ed will take you through a year of travels and adventure through a photographic essay of the quest for her Big Year!



Greater Prairie-Chicken
Photo by Ed Konrad



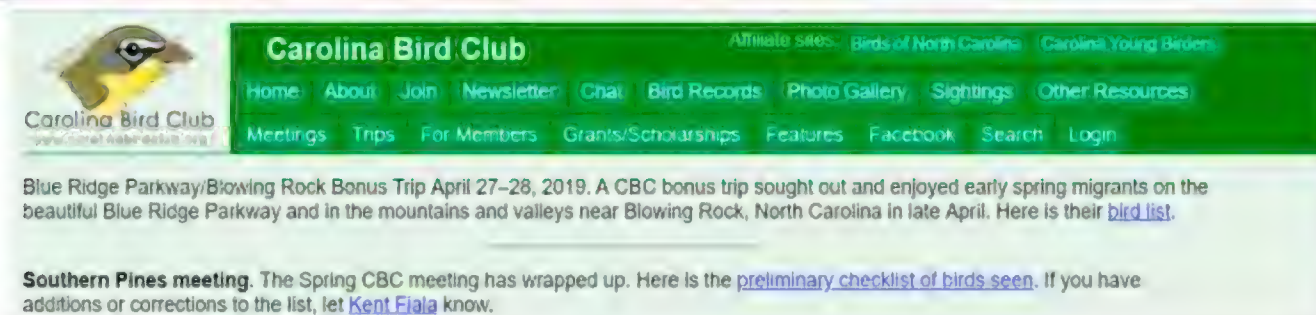
Lewis's Woodpecker
Photo by Ed Konrad

Aija and Ed will share stories through their photos of how they crisscrossed the US, their non-stop schedule of birding from dawn to dusk, favorite birds, hikes, experiences, and even some challenges they faced. They will lead a colorful and animated tour through their travels to bird in Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Chicago and Ohio, Arizona, California, Washington, Florida, South, and North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, and Maine.

A more in-depth program, agenda, and field trip descriptions will be provided in the September newsletter. We hope you will join us for an exciting weekend of birding and presentations!



Have you checked out the amazing CBC website recently?
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You have access to:

- Updated Trip Information
- Photo Gallery
- "The Chat"
- Sightings
- And so much more! Check it out today!

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New Life Member

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Ridgeville, SC

Sally & Alan Bolton
Cameron, NC

Ginger Waynick,
Reidsville, NC

Mary Abrams
Cary, NC

Kathlene Ford-Walters
Michael Walters
Mars Hill, NC

Leah Mills
Mocksville, NC

Mark Alt
Murfreesboro, NC

Katie Guthrie
Snow Camp, NC

Mike & Sharon Roberts
Cary, NC

Tina Rothbart
Greensboro, NC

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Gastonia, NC

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Bow, NH

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Chapel Hill, NC

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Morehead City, NC

Robert, Florence & Kora Hausler
Fayetteville, NC

Megan Lynch
Moncure, NC



You are now a part of the CBC Flock!



Avian Partners Join Forces for Conservation, Education, & Research

by Daniel J. Prohaska

In January 2018, the Avian Conservation Center received a \$3,000 grant from the Carolina Bird Club for the *Avian Protection and Preservation Program*, a conservation initiative designed to provide medical care to injured birds of prey and water birds, conduct environmental education programs, and advance citizen science research on an endangered species. Funds from this grant were used to purchase medical supplies and food for the care of injured birds and husbandry of the Center's resident collection of birds and to conduct environmental education programs across the state.



Education Program at the Avian Conservation Center

The natural alignment between the missions of the Avian Conservation Center ("the Center") and the Carolina Bird Club ("the Club") which address research, education, and conservation initiatives of birds of the Carolina and their habitats makes this project unique. With these organizations' combined resources the Avian Protection and Preservation Program ("the program") achieved significant successes. Together, we provided medical care to 815 injured birds of prey and water birds, engaged 7,785 students in environmental education outreach, and successfully identified 5,539 sightings of the endangered Swallow-tailed Kite through a citizen science database.

Among the birds impacted by this grant is Mississippi Kite #8382-18-271. The Center received a call in July 2018 from a Pawleys Island resident about a bird that appeared to be orphaned. Further research determined it would not be possible to return this bird to its nest, so it was transported to the Center's Avian Medical Clinic.

Upon arrival Clinic staff administered a full exam which revealed no orthopedic injuries. The bird appeared to be mildly dehydrated and was treated for parasites such as mites which were prevalent on the bird's feathers. Clinic staff structured a treatment plan to stabilize the bird and help it gain weight to prepare for its fall migration to South America. Timing is critical to get the bird ready for release before the end of August when most kites begin their migration south.

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In early August the kite was evaluated for release and deemed fit for survival in the wild. Three and a half weeks after being admitted to the Clinic, this fledgling Mississippi Kite was released on the campus of Charleston Southern University in close proximity to other Mississippi Kites which were preparing for their fall migration. Releasing this bird near these adults will increase its chances of successfully migrating to its wintering grounds.

At a time when nearly one in eight species of birds (~12% of all birds worldwide) is at risk of extinction in the next 100 years – 50 times the historic rate – and the leading causes of these declines are linked to habitat destruction and degradation, direct persecution, infrastructure development, and climate change, this program is making a tangible impact on the livelihood of hundreds of priority avian species across South Carolina. Perhaps even more significantly, this program is shaping the hearts and minds of the next generation of conservationists, whose actions will determine the future of the natural world for generations to come.



Opportunities for Young Birders

Carolina Bird Club offers scholarships for birders 19 and under living in the Carolinas, who are members of the Carolina Young Birders Club.

Scholarships provide assistance in attending bird-related events, such as camps, workshop, training programs or CBC seasonal meetings.

For more information visit www.carolinabirdclub.org.

A Terrific Spring Meeting In the Sandhills!

by Susan Campbell



Photo by Susan Campbell

The CBC Spring meeting here in the Sandhills is now history. We had a terrific turn out. Over one hundred members spent the first week-end in May enjoying the local flora and fauna—especially the avifauna, of course! The weather did not interfere with trips too badly. Thankfully, the rain that was forecast, held off both Saturday and Sunday! Members enjoyed an assortment of opportunities in the field, wonderful evening speakers both Friday and Saturday night, tasty barbeque at the Saturday banquet, and lots of time for fellowship with old and new birding friends.



Photo by Pam Ford



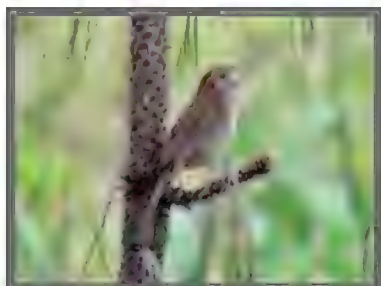
Photos by Susan Campbell



Photo by Pam Ford

Friday night's welcome reception, sponsored by the Sandhills Natural History Society (SNHS), was a real treat with beautifully decorated tables and a variety of tasty treats. The local hospitality committee did an amazing job! SNHS's support of the entire event was invaluable. We are happy to report that they will receive a generous donation as a result of the profits raised from sales of our special meeting t-shirt. Shirts sold out before the end of the week-end—which was a real testament to the artist: CBC's own Hal Broadfoot.

Groups set out on a total of twenty-six trips all over the area. Visits to a few Piedmont hotspots like Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge and Howell Woods, provided for a real variety in habitat. Also, we were very happy to offer a trip that stopped at one of North Carolina's newest State Parks: Carver's Creek in Spring Lake, just north of Fayetteville.



Bachman's Sparrow
Photo by Pam Ford

A total of one hundred twenty species were spotted during the course of the meeting. Local specialties like Red-cockaded Woodpecker and Bachman's Sparrow did not disappoint. Even harder to find species such as Kentucky Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and Loggerhead Shrike turned up in a few spots. And there were, of course, migrants passing through. Common Loon (Lake Auman on Saturday), Blue-winged Warbler (at Weymouth Woods on Sunday), Bobolink (House in the Horseshoe on Saturday), Pine Siskin (Thunder Road Friday), and even a Merlin (Powell's Pond on Sunday) were very nice finds.



Photo by Pam Ford



Photo by Pam Ford

There was no shortage of other interesting observations during the weekend. Watching a family of White-breasted Nuthatches fledge right in front of our eyes was definitely a highlight for our group in Game Land Friday morning. One lucky group spotted a River Otter along the Pee Dee. And the Friday trip that stopped in the southern portion of



Photo by Pam Ford

the Game Lands located a new species of dragonfly for Richmond County: Cocoa Clubtail. It was a memorable meeting for sure! Hopefully CBC members are already looking forward to a return to the Sandhills— but will not have to wait ten years to do so!!!



Photo by Pam Ford



Photo by Craig Watson



Photo by Craig Watson



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Carollna Brd Club Field Trip – Blowing Rock, NC

by Steve Shultz



Photo by Annie Miller

The weekend of April 27-28 dawned with an unseasonable chill. 38 degrees... in late April... Is this North Carolina or Minnesota? Considering that the last local bonus field trip we ran was in December and that morning kicked off around 50 degrees, this felt strange. And did I mention that the wind chill brought the “real-feel” temperature below freezing? So while the environment screamed *winter*, the buzzy zzzzur-zzzur-zreee song of a (cold-tolerant) Black-throated Blue Warbler indicated that spring really was here.

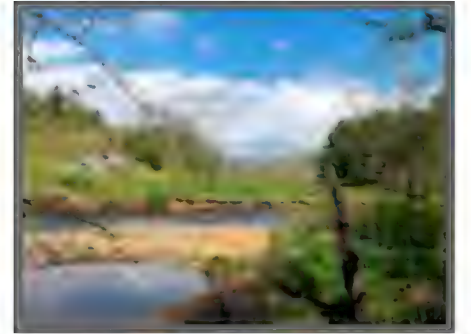


Photo by Annie Miller

Of course, the morning eventually warmed up, and as the temperatures crept toward respectable mercury levels, bird song increased. Buzzy pops of Northern Parula contrasted with the sing-song back and forth of Canada Warbler. Squeaky-wheeled Black-and-white Warblers dueted with abundant Blue-headed Vireos while Gray Catbirds squeaked in the shrubbery.



Photo by Annie Miller

Over the course of Saturday and Sunday morning, 20 CBC members tallied 95 species of birds including 18 species of warbler. Warblers ranged from common (Black-throated Blue) to challenging (a Golden-winged seen well by only a few). Other highlights included Bobolinks singing their bubbly songs from grassy fields; savoring ice cream at Valle Crucis park with orioles, Least and Willow Flycatcher, and Eastern Kingbirds; and a group dinner at the Foggy Rock restaurant.



Photo by Steve Shultz

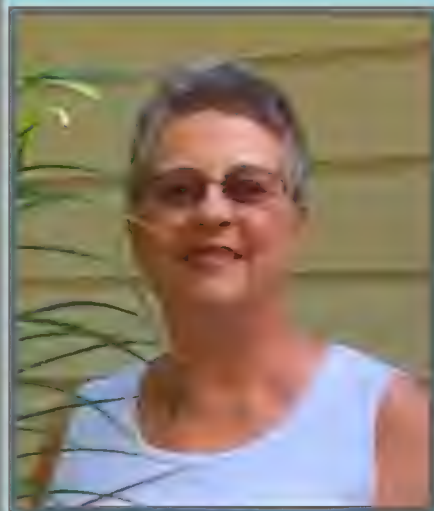
We even discovered a new species, the Great Hornet Owl! (Which is what happens when a distant paper-wasp nest sways in the breeze, tricking hopeful observers!)

Special thanks to Dwayne Martin for leading a second group that enabled us to double the number of eager CBCers accommodated on this popular offering.



HOW I GOT INTO BIRDING

by Carol Bowman



We moved to Houston, TX in the early 80's, bought a new home, and set out to landscape our small yard. I bought a nice bird feeder (my first!) to use as a focal point in the yard.....and the rest is history. The birds came, in colors of red, blue, yellow, brown, black, and white. I had to know who these beautiful creatures were so I bought a pair of inexpensive Bushnell binoculars and a field guide, a 1966 Golden Guide, and I became hooked! From then on, every trip to the beach, golf course, or vacation destination Included these two items.

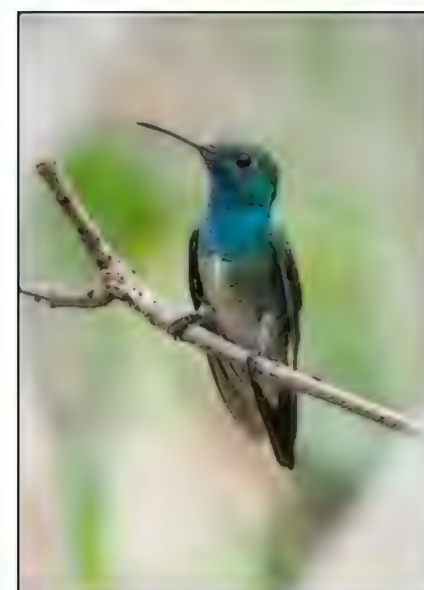
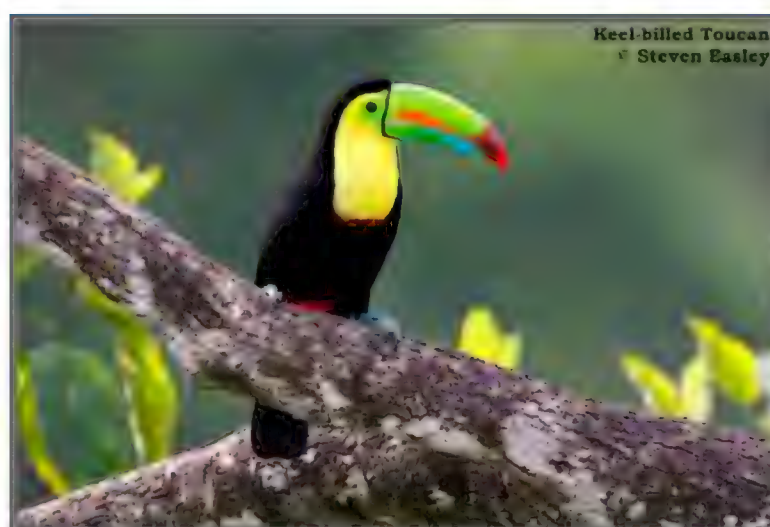
Fast forward to the present, and I now, not only watch the birds in my yard, but I also garden for them with native plants. I've always thought of birding as a combined hobby/sport and have birded with so many interesting people that I would never have the chance to meet otherwise. And, have made lasting friendships with many of them. When I leave home today, my binoculars and field guide are still in my bag!

What was your introduction to birds? Let us hear from you!



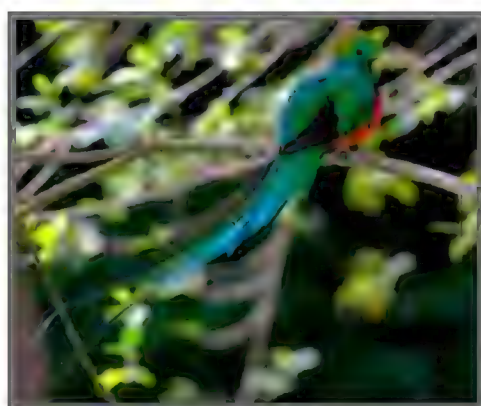
CAROLINA BIRD CLUB BONUS TRIP TO COSTA RICA AUGUST 10-20, 2019

JOIN US FOR 9 FULL DAYS OF BIRDING SOME OF THE BEST COSTA RICA HOT SPOTS
INCLUDING MONTEVERDE, ARENAL, AND LA SELVA!



This CBC bonus birding trip will take in some of the very best areas Costa Rica has to offer!

We will begin in the Pacific lowlands birding our way up to the cooler lush cloud-forests for 3 days of exciting birding in the Monteverde area, which is home to the gorgeous Resplendent Quetzal! Next, we will move from the Pacific slope to the Caribbean and the habitat and avifauna will shift radically! We will be staying for 2 nights at the beautiful Arenal Observatory Lodge at the foot of the Arenal Volcano. Birding this area is always fabulous! Finally, we will descend into the Caribbean lowlands for a 3-night stay at the lovely La Quinta Lodge in the Sarapiquí River Valley. Here, we will explore the rain forests of La Selva Biological Station, which is one of the best birding sites in Costa Rica! We will also be visiting other key birding areas, including La Virgen del Socorro, Cope's famous feeders, the Old Butterfly garden, and La Paz Waterfall Gardens. Please see CBC website link for more details!



We will visit hummingbird and banana feeders throughout the trip allowing for up-close and personal study of hummingbirds, tanagers, finches, and much more.

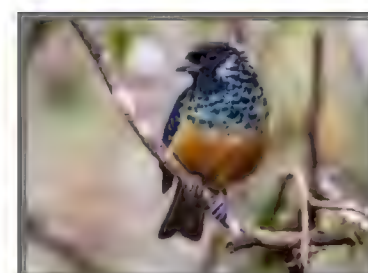
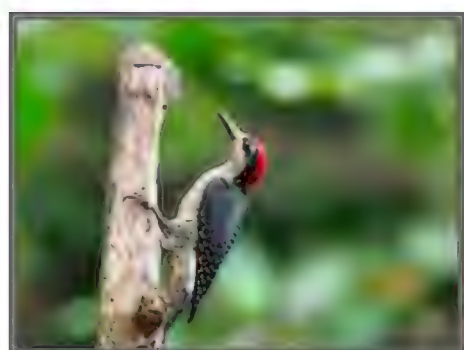
Professional bird guide Steven Easley will be our local guide for our trip, a highly respected authority on Costa Rican birds and other wildlife.

We expect to see over 250 bird species with a good representation of Costa Rica's hummingbirds, toucans, motmots, trogons, tanagers, oropendolas, and much more.

This bonus trip is packed with excellent birding, lodging, and delicious food for a very good price!

Join us as we explore the many wonders of Costa Rica!

Interested birders please contact Sherry Lane at Slane360@yahoo.com for registration information!



When an Opportunity for a Cross County Trip Presented Itself, I Took It!

by Deborah Roy

Hello! I know that to most of you, I am the new stranger behind the newsletter, but hopefully it won't be long before you meet me in person and get to know me better. I am looking forward to that time! I wanted to share one of the most memorable trips I have ever experienced. It was a fast and furious 5 days, but it was absolutely amazing!

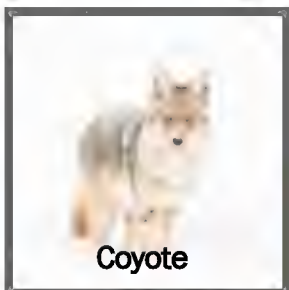
In February of this year, my husband Patrick accepted a new job that came with a company car. His company is based in Portland, Oregon and after spending a week training in Portland, he would need to drive the car back to North Carolina. He said I should fly out to Portland and drive back with him. After giving him a million reasons why it would be hard...work, the dog, other upcoming travel commitments, how much my back would hurt after sitting in a car for so long.....I finally said yes. Within a week, I had purchased a ticket, packed my bags, and headed to Portland to meet him. Our plan was not so direct as you can see on the map to the right. After all, this was a once in a lifetime trip where all hotels and gas were covered by his company.



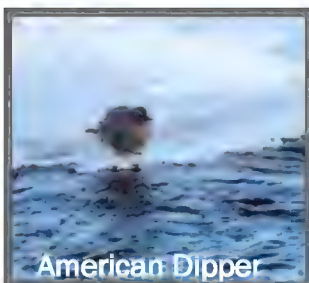
Northern Harrier



Rough-legged Hawk



Coyote



American Dipper

We started our journey the night I arrived to put us in a good birding spot for the next day. We were also trying desperately to get ahead of a snowstorm...that ultimately caught up with us. When it got to the point where we were tired and the snow was like a blizzard, we stopped for the night. When we set-off the next morning within 15 minutes of our drive, the tire pressure light came on for one of the tires. Yes, Patrick had run over a nail and the tire was nearly flat in seconds. He found an amazing place that was able to repair the tire and get this....they did it for free. When this first happened, I was bummed...thinking I would miss out on some early snowy morning birding...but right across the street from the tire place was a field, a field where several Northern Harriers were hunting, including a grey ghost. I

have historically chased these beautiful owl-faced birds during the winters in North and South Carolina and to see several in a field together was amazing. So beautiful. After getting the tire fixed and heading back out on the road, within just a couple of miles, I noticed several large birds flying around another field. They were Rough-legged Hawks! Lifers! I had only ever seen these in captivity. Once we got into some more rural countryside, there were American Kestrels perched

along the highway EVERYWHERE! They were sitting on posts and on the wires. Such a sight to see. We headed on to Yellowstone, another first for me. Here we saw several Bald Eagles of varying maturity, lots of Common Ravens, American Dippers (I was hypnotized by these guys) and several others including, ducks, grouse, and pheasants and I didn't even mention all of the mammals, include wolves, coyotes, bison, elk, and deer just to name a few. After Yellowstone, we headed to Theodore Roosevelt National Park where I saw my first wild Golden Eagle. This bird was simply spectacular. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see any wild horses. Next time for sure!



Bald Eagle



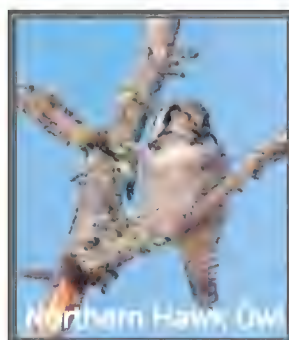
Black-billed Magpie



American Kestrel



Common Raven



Northern Hawk Owl

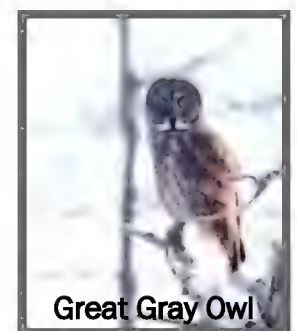
The icing on the cake was visit the popular winter lifers here. Number one on close second, the Northern raptors, I did not discount



Evening Grosbeak

we were able to see. Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, Boreal Chickadees, Common Redpolls, and tons of woodpeckers, just to name a few. Only spending a day and a half in the bog wasn't nearly enough. Definitely want to go back here, especially now that we know our way around and where to spot stuff. Oh did I mention that at one point in the bog we needed to get towed out of a snowbank? Yup! After the bog, we made our journey south, stopping one time to spend the night and hitting a couple of eBird hotspots along the way. The trip was exhausting, and even with the snowstorm, flat tire, being stuck in a snowbank, it was all worth it. Every experience made this journey what it was—simply unforgettable.

our detour north to Minnesota to birding spot—Sax Zim Bog. Lots of the list—The Great Gray Owl and a Hawk Owl. And even though I love the many wintering song birds that



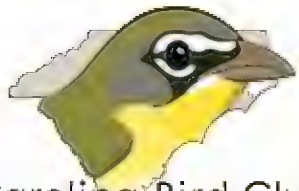
Great Gray Owl



Pine Grosbeak



Hairy Woodpecker



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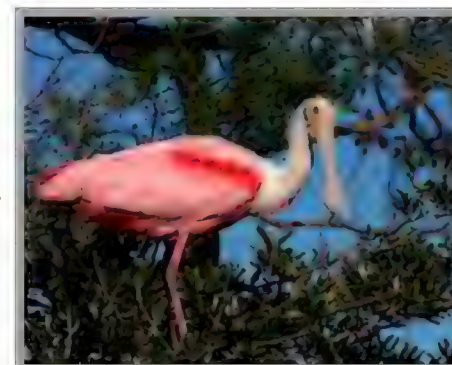
Meeting Planners: Jill Midgett and Craig Watson
September 26 through September 29, 2019
by Craig Watson



The Fall Seasonal meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held in the South Carolina lowcountry, headquartered in Summerville. This affords quick and easy access to some of the best birding spots in the lowcountry and is a short drive to historic downtown Charleston. A city rich in history and nationally acclaimed for its beautiful landscapes and well-preserved architecture, we will gather for our meeting the weekend of September 26-29. Registration begins the afternoon of the 26th and field trips will continue Friday through Sunday.

Charleston's proximity to some of South Carolina's finest and most treasured natural coastal resources allows us to offer trips to habitats ranging from wild, scenic beaches to longleaf pine savannas. We expect excellent birding, and our field trips are being designed to offer participants the opportunity to enjoy the best this region has to offer. We will offer birding trips south to the ACE Basin, north to the Santee Delta, and inland to the Orangeburg Sod Farm. Destinations include the Sea Islands (Kiawah and Seabrook), Charleston Harbor (Pitt St., Patriot's Point, Ft. Moultrie), Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, Dewees Island (NEW), Folly Beach area hotspots (including little known Ft. Lamar), state wildlife management areas north and south, Francis Beidler Forest and Pine Bluff (new Audubon SC tract), Black River Cypress Preserve (NEW), and Caw Caw Interpretive Center.

Shorebird migration should be going strong, and we will seek out these southbound migrants as well as many of the other marsh and seabirds associated with rich coastal environments. Fall along the coast can also be particularly exciting for Neotropical songbird migration, and we will explore some of the area's "migrant traps" in search of these species. Wading birds will be abundant, with Roseate Spoonbills now occurring year-round in South Carolina.



Roseate Spoonbill
Photo by Deborah Roy

We will also offer a butterfly walk, a Young Birder's Workshop, a photography workshop (how to use your point and shoot camera, and SLR), assisting banding efforts at the Kiawah Island Banding Station, and a rarity chase on Sunday. If you want to see Baltimore Orioles and a possible Western Tanager, we have arranged access to a few homes in the area that attract these birds. In addition to our exciting slate of field trips led by knowledgeable local birders, participants have an opportunity to enjoy excellent evening presentations on bird-related topics. So make your plans and register soon!

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CBC Fall Birding Weekend In the South Carolina Lowcountry

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Our meeting headquarters is the Wyndham Garden Inn, north of Charleston in Summerville. It is conveniently located near I-26 and I-526, providing quick access to birding hotspots in all directions, and only 25 minutes away from downtown Charleston. Special room rates are being offered to CBC members for \$119/night (not including taxes). To reserve a room contact the Wyndham Garden Inn directly at 1-843-875-3300, and be sure to identify yourself as a Carolina Bird Club participant. Any requests for special room arrangements may be made at the time of your reservation. The reservation cut-off date for these rates is September 12, 2019 so please don't delay. Check-in time is 3:00 PM, Check-out time is 11:00 AM.

The hotel has a restaurant that serves breakfast but not lunch or dinner. Restaurants including Cracker Barrel, Ruby Tuesday, and Carolina Ale House are within walking distance, and many more are within a quick drive from the hotel. Each room has a microwave, mini-fridge, coffee maker, and Wi-Fi is complimentary. Registrants arriving on Thursday evening, September 26th, may pick up their registration packets that evening. The hotel will be the location for our evening programs and other social events related to our meeting.

Join us on Friday evening to experience the riveting journeys of Aija and Ed Konrad as Aija challenged herself to a United States Big Year in 2018! Titled "Tales of a Big Year ... the Journey to 577",

Aija and Ed will take you through a year of travels and adventure through a photographic essay of the quest for her Big Year! Aija and Ed will share stories through their photos of how they crisscrossed the US, their non-stop schedule of birding from dawn to dusk, favorite birds, hikes, experiences, and even some challenges and a disagreement or two! They will lead a colorful and animated tour through their travels to bird in Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Chicago and Ohio, Arizona, California, Washington, Florida, South and North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, and Maine.

Our Saturday evening speaker is Arch McCallum. Arch will present a unique program titled "Empids Demystified!" A native of South Carolina and a member of the CBC since 1959, Arch has been fascinated by birds all his life, and has been recording and analyzing their sounds since 1981. He's especially interested in the evolution of vocal repertoires in large genera, particularly chickadees and *Empidonax* flycatchers. He has studied all 15 species of empids on their breeding grounds, from Alaska to Costa Rica and from the Sierra Madre to the Appalachians. After retiring from teaching ornithology, ecology, and other wonderful subjects at the College of Charleston, Arch now leads the occasional birding tour in the Southwest and works on web-presentations of his research on bird sounds.

A more in depth program agenda will be provided to registrants at check-in. We hope you will join us for an exciting weekend of birding and presentations!



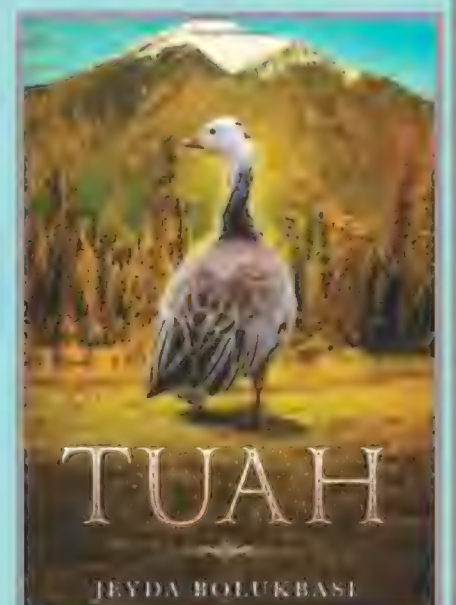
Jeyda Kathryn Bolukbasi

Young Birder Publishes Her First Book!

Jeyda Kathryn Bolukbasi is a fourteen-year-old writer who was born in Charlotte, NC. Her passion for birds sparked the inspiration for her first published book, *Tuah*, which she wrote when she was thirteen. She hopes to attend Cornell University and study to become an ornithologist. Currently, she is the first junior volunteer at the Center for Birds of Prey in Awendaw, SC and a member of the Carolina Bird Club.

"Tuah" can be purchased at Amazon by using the following link:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/107644122X/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_image_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1



CBC Fall Birding Weekend Trip Schedule

Friday, September 27, 2019

Morning Half Day

- Trip 1 – Caw Caw Interpretive Center – 8:15am
- Trip 2 – Francis Beidler Forest (Audubon SC) – 8:15am
- Trip 3 – Seabrook Island North Beach – 6:30am
- Trip 4 – Mingo Point/Kiawah Island – 7:00am
- Trip 5 – Bird Banding/Johns Island County Park – 6:00am
- Trip 6 – Butterfly Walk – 9:00am

Afternoon Half Day

- Trip 8 – Francis Beidler Forest (Audubon SC) – 1:00pm
- Trip 9 – ACE Basin NWR – 1:00pm
- Trip 10 – Old Santee Canal Park – 1:00pm
- Trip 11 – Santee National Wildlife Refuge (Pine Island Unit) – 1:00pm
- Trip 12 – Young/Beginner Birders Workshop (Caw Caw) – 1:15pm
- Trip 13 – Photography Workshop (Old Santee Canal Park) – 1:00pm

All Day

- Trip 15 – Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge – 6:00am
- Trip 16 – Bear Island Wildlife Management Area – 6:30am
- Trip 17 – Dewees Island – 6:45am
- Trip 18 – Black River Cypress Preserve – 6:45am
- Trip 19 – Santee Coastal Reserve and Delta – 6:15am

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Morning Half Day

- Trip 21 – Santee National Wildlife Refuge (Bluff Unit) – 6:45am
- Trip 22 – Pine Bluff (Audubon SC) – 7:30am
- Trip 23 – Lighthouse Heritage Preserve – 7:00am
- Trip 24 – Ft. Moultrie/Breach Inlet – 7:15am
- Trip 25 – Ft. Lamar/Melton Demetre Park – 7:15am
- Trip 26 – I'on Swamp Loop Drive Francis Marion NF – 6:45am

Afternoon Half Day

- Trip 28 – Caw Caw Interpretive Park – 1:00pm
- Trip 29 – Orangeburg Sod Farms – 1:00pm
- Trip 30 – Old Santee Canal Park – 1:00pm
- Trip 31 – Pitt St./Patriot's Point – 1:00pm
- Trip 32 – Edisto Nature Trail – 1:00pm

All Day

- Trip 34 – Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge – 6:00am
- Trip 35 – Dewees Island – 6:45am
- Trip 36 – Santee National Wildlife Refuge – 7:00am
- Trip 37 – Bear Island Wildlife Management Area – 6:30am
- Trip 38 – Santee Coastal Reserve and Delta – 6:15am

Sunday September 29, 2019

- Trip 40 – Search for Rarities Seen – 7:30am

Oriole Feeder Watch – Due to privacy issues, locations of oriole feeders will be distributed at the registration desk only if any orioles or Western Tanagers have been spotted at the feeders prior to the meeting.

Important Notes for Fall Trip

- The times listed are when the cars are lined up in the parking lot and leaving. Please be there at least 10 minutes early and identify yourself to the leader. Field trip leaders cell phone numbers will be provided.
- If you decide not to go on a trip, either scratch through your name beforehand on the supplied lists or show up at the meeting place and tell someone. **Please be sure to check the trip sheets at the registration desks for any changes to the field trip details!**
- There will be a sheet with all directions for your trips emailed to you in advance and copies will be provided at registration with field trip sheets.
- You are encouraged to review and utilize eBird for the species that occur at each of these eBird hotspots, particularly for September and October. All but two of the areas are eBird hotspots (Pine Bluff and Black River Cypress Preserve).
- All trips depart from hotel in the parking lot. Look for the placard with your trip number. There will be a sheet with all directions for your trips e-mailed to you in advance. Please bring it on each trip as caravans sometimes break down, and, if so, you'll still be able to get to the trip site. Get the leader's cell number before you leave, just in case.
- Food for purchase during field trips may be somewhat limited. Accordingly, plan to take snacks and beverages with you, and be sure to pack a lunch for the all-day trips.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent should be brought along on all trips. Please check weather conditions for the need of rain gear.
- We try to take as few vehicles as possible on field trips in order to save fuel, make caravanning easier, and to make better use of the limited parking that exists at some stops. Please plan on carpooling, and if you would like to drive and have room for new or old friends, please let your trip leader know when you arrive for your outing.
- The Saturday evening dinner will be a catered Lowcountry Boil (shrimp, sausage, red potatoes, corn on the cob), along with a variety of vegetables and salad. A batch of potatoes and corn will be cooked separately from the shrimp and sausage. Chicken is also available as a main dish. Plenty of vegetables and salad will be available for a vegetarian diet. There will be an assortment of lowcountry desserts available (banana pudding, Huguenot tortes, Blondies), iced tea and water – low price of \$20!

A Mystery Owl

by William Burke

You may have noticed in the last issue of the newsletter a photograph of me holding an owl on my arm. If you are a better birder than I, you might have identified the species from the poor photograph. This owl was mounted sometime in the long past. I saw the bird for the first time on the wall of a colleague's office in the late 1970's or early 1980's. I assumed the bird was an antique that he had picked up in Europe where he made annual trips. Over the next 30 years, I visited in this professor's office many times because he was a close friend and an ally in multiple faculty disputes. So, I saw the owl on a regular basis. Despite considering myself a birder, I never even thought to try and identify the species of the owl. The bird was gray with some barring on the chest. At some point, I asked Don where he obtained the owl and what it was. He told me that a visiting professor from Texas had given it to him, but he never discovered how the Texan had come to have what he identified as a barn owl.

In 2006, my friend retired and in cleaning out his office he left the owl in my office because he knew I was a birder, and I would keep it safe because he expected the law school to simply throw the bird away. I hung the owl on the wall of my office and there it stayed until I retired in 2015. Over those nine years, I occasionally would try to identify the species. My friend's identification of a barn owl was clearly wrong, but I could not identify the bird. It clearly was a large owl. I eliminated the large owls that might occur in the U.S such as Barred, Spotted, Great Horned, Great Gray, or Long-Eared Owl. I searched the owls of the world and found nothing. Then it finally dawned on me it was an immature male Snowy Owl. It was very, very dusty. Once I knew I was going to retire and the law school was moving to a new building, I knew the owl would not be safe. The school started anew and threw away old furnishings including the beautiful barrister bookcases I had in my office. So, I knew the owl would be discarded. I also knew or thought I did, that I could not take the owl home. I contacted a prominent naturalist on the University faculty, and he suggested that I give it to the McKissick Museum of the University of South Carolina.

Under the Migratory Bird Treaty and U.S. laws, it is illegal to possess even a feather of a migratory bird except for gamebirds and waterfowl. However, the rule has been different for birds of prey. The Bald Eagle was protected in 1940. The Golden Eagle was similarly protected in 1962. There are some exceptions for Native Americans. Until 1978, it was legal to possess the remains (feathers, etc.) of birds of prey, but since then owls, hawks, falcons, and other birds of prey have been protected. Since I could not determine when the owl came into the possession of the Texas law professor, the McKissick Museum had to seek approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Migratory Bird and Eagle Permit Office to take possession of the owl. That permission was granted, and the owl is now on display at the museum.



Photo, courtesy of
Christian M. Cicimurri, USC

CBC Outer Banks Trip

Meeting Planners: Steven Shultz

December 14-15, 2019

by Steve Shultz

Widely considered at the top of the list for early winter birding sites in North Carolina, the Outer Banks of Dare County are home to thousands of wintering swans, ducks, geese, shorebirds, waders, gulls, and more. Join members of the Carolina Bird Club as we explore the Bodie Island lighthouse area, Oregon Inlet, Pea Island NWR, the ocean beaches of Hatteras and Bodie Islands, and other “hotspots.”

The trip will focus on waterfowl and shorebird identification as well as building a broad trip list including everything from grebes to sparrows. The trip starts Saturday, December 14, at 7:30 a.m. in the Bodie Island Lighthouse parking lot. Saturday will be devoted to birding along the immediate coast. Sunday will include a stop at Alligator River NWR and potentially Mattamuskeet NWR.

Detailed information including directions, lodging choices, dining opportunities, and more will be provided to registrants. Birds that you can expect to see include loons, numbers of Tundra Swans and Snow Geese, most of the dabbling ducks that winter in eastern North Carolina, chances to see sea ducks including all three American scoters, gulls, wintering passerines, and winter shorebirds including American Avocet and possibly Purple Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, and Piping Plover. Alligator River NWR may provide an opportunity to see Black Bear, raptors, shorebirds (if water levels are right), and numbers of Tundra Swan and waterfowl.

Logistics: The fee for this field trip is \$35 and advance registration is required. Participation is limited to 15. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. A number of motels, hotels, and other lodging are available in Nags Head north through Kitty Hawk. We will attempt to carpool in order to reduce the number of vehicles caravanning to the birding sites. Spotting scopes are useful if you have one. Dress for the weather and in layers. If we are enjoying a warm early winter, mosquito repellent may be useful. Lunch on Saturday will likely either be at a seafood restaurant or Subway. If you prefer, bring a bag lunch. A variety of restaurants are open for Saturday dinner.

To register for this field trip contact Steve Shultz sshultz@nc.rr.com or (919) 629-7226. Upon confirmation of your slot on the trip, you will be sent a registration form/waiver that can be submitted with your trip fee. Note that there is a modest fee to walk out on Jennette’s Pier.



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CBC Fall Birding Trip Descriptions

½ DAY FIELD TRIPS

Trips 1 & 28 – Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Located near Ravenel, this Charleston County Park is situated on land that was once historic rice plantations. The park consists of 1,000 acres of diverse coastal habitats including cypress/tupelo swamps, a tidal saltmarsh, freshwater and brackish water impoundments, and upland and bottomland forests. The property is accessed by six miles of trails and offers easy and quality birding. Over 250 species of birds have been documented in the park (155 in September), and we hope to find marsh and wading birds, owls, vireos, wrens, migrant warblers, and other passerines.

Approximate travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Restrooms available.

Access: \$2/person fee to enter the County Park. This trip will involve easy to moderate walking.

Trips 2 & 8 – Francis Beidler Forest (Audubon, SC)

This Audubon sanctuary contains a portion of what is considered the largest remaining old-growth cypress-tupelo swamp in the world, known as Four Holes Swamp. Participants will experience the majestic wonder of this swampland along a 1.75 mile boardwalk. Birds we hope to find include Yellow-crowned Night-Heron and other wading birds including Wood Stork, a variety of woodpeckers, owls, and migrating songbirds. A Limpkin was recently observed and photographed here.

Approximate Travel Time: 30 minutes

Facilities: Restrooms available

Access: \$12/person fee. This trip involves easy walking on a wooden boardwalk. Participants should be prepared for possible mosquitoes by wearing appropriate clothing and bringing insect repellent.

Trip 3 – Seabrook Island North Beach:

Seabrook Island is just south of Kiawah Island and north of Edisto Island and Deveau Bank, all very rich in bird species. The birding at North Beach will traverse maritime forest and dunes and then onto the beach up to Captain Sam's Inlet. During September, gulls, terns, and shorebirds are concentrated at high tide roosts, and migrating raptors can be seen in the skies. Twenty shorebird species have been recorded here in September, including Red Knot, five plover species (Piping Plover), Whimbrel, and Marbled Godwit. Be sure to collect any color band combinations and numbers on Red Knots and Piping Plovers if observed. Twelve species of gulls and terns have been recorded and you may spot a Merlin or Peregrine migrating down the beach. Reddish Egret is known from this location in the recent past.

Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour

Facilities: Restrooms and snacks/drinks are available at Freshfield's just outside the entrance to Seabrook Island.

Access: Walking is fairly easy but there is a long hike to Captain Sam's Inlet and back. No fee.

Trip 4 – Mingo Point/Kiawah Island:

Mingo Point and destinations on Kiawah Island offer extensive salt marsh, maritime forest, and dunes and beaches to locate resident and migrating birds in September. Mingo Point alone has recorded over 100 species in September, and has gulls, terns, wading birds, raptors, warblers, and dozens of other passerines that migrant along the coast. A walk out to the high tide roost on East Beach should produce high numbers of species, including shorebirds, terns, gulls, and wading birds, possibly Reddish Egret.

Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour

Facilities: Restrooms are available at Mingo Point and just outside the entrance to the gated communities.

Access: Birding at Mingo Point is an easy walk, and birding on Kiawah Island proper will be by van or driving and stopping. No fee.

Trip 5 – Kiawah Bird Banding Station and Johns Island County Park (maximum of 10 persons):

This special trip will include birding in a maritime forest with a visit to a bird banding station and birding at the new Johns Island County Park. We will most likely see a good variety of migrating passerines (warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, vireos; 108 species have been recorded here in September) being captured and handled for banding on Kiawah Island. At Johns Island County Park, we can expect a great diversity of forest and open habitat birds, particularly during migration.

Approximate travel time: 1 hour

Facilities: Restrooms are available at parking lot at the beginning and end of the trip. Bring snacks and water.

Access: This trip involves a strenuous one mile walk each way to the banding station. Participants should be prepared to get their feet wet and for full sun conditions and possible mosquitoes. Entry Fee to the county park is \$1.

Trip 6 – Butterfly Walk Ft. Moultrie National Monument:

This will be a leisurely trip led by Dr. Dennis Forsythe at Ft. Moultrie National Monument on Sullivan's Island, SC. The grasslands, maritime forest, and dunes will be explored for butterflies, although good birding is available in the same area. This is only a two hour walk from 10am to noon.

Approximate Travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Yes, at Ft. Moultrie Visitor Center

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. There are many places locally on the island to obtain food and water. No fee.

Trip 9 – ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge:

The ACE Basin NWR lies in the heart of the ACE Basin, “One of the last great places on Earth.” We will bird the Grove Plantation area, the surrounding forests, and managed wetlands. Much of the area is freshwater wetlands in old rice fields, and other major habitat types are mixed hardwood-pine, bottomland hardwood, longleaf pine, and early successional grasslands/field. Approximately 100 species have been observed here in September, with a diversity of waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, and passerines. This area is known for Wood Storks, Bald Eagles, other raptors, and the exceptional diversity of migratory land birds in September.

Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour

Facilities- Restrooms at Refuge Office.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, and water as needed. No fee.

Trip 10 & 30 – Old Santee Canal Park:

Old Santee Canal Park commemorates the area's rich history and habitat. Among its attractions are the Stony Landing House, built in 1843, and four miles of boardwalks that meander through the quiet backwaters of Biggin Creek and its surrounding swamp. Beyond its historical offerings, the park has become a popular destination for bird watchers, hikers, paddlers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. The park has many rich habitats from pine trees, mixed hardwoods, open fields, and freshwater swamp, which allow for a wide diversity of species any time of year. The location along the Cooper River, and proximity to Lake Moultrie, make it an ideal spot during spring and fall migration. Currently boasting 170 species on eBird, come discover this hidden gem. Likely birds include migrant warblers, wading birds, owls, raptors, and ducks.

Approximate Travel Time: 30 minutes

Facilities- Restrooms, AC, water fountain.

Access: \$3/person, \$2/seniors, military, AAA, FREE/Children 6 and under.

Trip 11 – Santee National Wildlife Refuge (Pine Island Unit):

The Pine Island Unit of the Santee National Wildlife Refuge encompasses open water, hardwood and pine forests, freshwater marsh, cultivated fields, old fields, impoundments, and cypress swamps. This refuge is known for waterfowl and water birds, but during September, the forests, vine tangles, and fields are especially productive for migrating passerines and many grassland species. This unit of the refuge is more forested and has more early successional habitats, attracting migrant passerines, including warblers, buntings, grosbeaks, and flycatchers. Approximately 300 species have been observed on the refuge with over half being observed in September. Forest, edge, and grassland species are the attraction on this unit.

Approximate travel time: 30 minutes

Facilities: No public restrooms are available at the refuge but there is a nearby service station with facilities, and some food and drinks.

Access conditions: Some birding is by car, but mostly on foot on trails and service roads. Participants should be prepared for mosquitoes by wearing appropriate clothing and insect repellent, and please bring sunscreen. No fee.

Trip 12 – Young/Beginner Birders Workshop (Caw Caw):

This trip is designed for those new to birding, but anyone can come along! Birding techniques will be discussed including how to view a bird, what type of diagnostic marks to look for, the importance of habitat, how to act, and even what to wear. The leader will explain how to use and what to look for in binoculars, scopes, and field guides. This workshop will be held at Caw Caw Interpretive Center and please be sure to bring along a bottle of water.

Approximate travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Restrooms available

Access: Classroom and field trip. Bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Entrance fee is \$2.

Trip 13 – Photography Workshop (Old Santee Canal):

Here's an opportunity for birders to improve their photography skills whose primary interest is birding, but who also carry a modest “point and shoot” digital camera to document the birds they see. This will be a three hour course presented in three parts. The first segment will cover strategies for setting up your camera to get the best images in the most common situations (e.g. *full sun, shade, on water, in flight, etc.*). Attendees are encouraged to bring both their camera and their user manual. The second segment will be practicing what you've learned in the first session, and the third session will be back into the classroom to show you how to select and edit the best images to post on your eBird list. Everyone will get a handout with detailed notes from the course.

Approximate Travel Time: 30 minutes

Facilities- Restrooms, AC, water fountain.

Access: \$3/person, \$2/seniors, military, AAA, FREE/Children 6 and under.

Trip 21 – Santee National Wildlife Refuge (Bluff Unit):

The Bluff Unit of the Santee National Wildlife Refuge encompasses open water, hardwood and pine forests, freshwater marsh, cultivated fields, old fields, impoundments, and cypress swamps. This refuge is known for waterfowl and water birds, but during September, the forests, vine tangles, and fields are especially productive for migrating passerines and many grassland species. Some waterfowl will be present but the main attraction at this time of the year are migrants, and due to the diversity of habitats, there will be an abundance of all groups of birds. The managed wetlands have held King and Black Rail, and Purple Gallinule in the past, and host most of the other species of wading birds.

Approximate travel time: 30 minutes

Facilities: No public restrooms are available at the refuge but there is a nearby service station with facilities, and some food and drinks.

Access: Some birding is by car, but mostly on foot on trails and service roads. Participants should be prepared for mosquitoes by wearing appropriate clothing and insect repellent, and please bring sunscreen. No fee.

Trip 22 – Pine Bluff (Audubon SC):

Pine Bluff is a newly acquired property by Audubon South Carolina, and contains small lakes, pine and pine/hardwood forests, open grasslands, and bottomland forests along the Edisto River. This is an excellent place for sparrows, Loggerhead Shrike, Red-headed Woodpeckers, wrens (Marsh, Sedge, Carolina), migrating passerines during migration, and early successional species.

Approximate Travel time: 30 minutes

Facilities: There are no facilities at Pine Bluff. Restrooms, snacks, and drinks are available at a convenience store after exiting the interstate.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. No fee.

Trip 23 – Lighthouse Heritage Preserve (Folly Island):

Lighthouse Heritage Preserve is a county park located at the north end of Folly Island. It is the site of an old Coast Guard station and provides a resting and foraging area for passerines migrating and is a migrant “trap” during periods of active migration along the coast. There is extensive maritime forest, beach and dune habitat, open ocean, and extensive exposed mud flats and exposed sand bars at or near high tide. All of these areas provide excellent habitat for resident and migrant species. This is one place rarities often show up. Approximately 150 species have been observed here in September with 24 species of warblers over time. Shorebirds, terns, gulls, and passerines abound here during migration.

Approximate Travel time: 1 hour

Facilities: Restrooms, snacks, drinks, and food are available prior to arriving at the Preserve in the town of Folly Beach.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. There are many places locally on the island to obtain food and water. \$1 entry fee.

Trip 24 – Ft. Moultrie/Breach Inlet:

Ft. Moultrie and Breach Inlet are on Sullivan’s Island, with Ft. Moultrie now known as the migrant hotspot around the Charleston Harbor. Ft. Moultrie supports grasslands, maritime forest, beach and dune, the Intracoastal Waterway, and includes a nature trail through the forest bordering the dunes and beach. Migrating passerines and grassland birds can be in high numbers here, along with migrating hawks, falcons, and eagles. Breach Inlet is located between Sullivan’s Island and Isle of Palms and is well known for migrating shorebirds (Red Knot), terns, gulls, with some sea ducks and seabirds later in the season. Recent rarities here were Gray and Tropical Kingbird.

Approximate Travel time: 35 minutes

Facilities: Yes, at Ft. Moultrie Visitor Center

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. There are many places locally on the island to obtain food and water. No fee.

Trip 25 – Ft. Lamar/Melton Demetre Park:

Ft. Lamar and Melton Demetre Park (Sunrise Park) are two little known yet very productive birding areas in the Charleston Harbor. Ft. Lamar is a Civil War era fort James Island. It is primarily maritime forest surrounded by tidal marsh and can be full of migrant passerines during late September, 22 species of warblers have been observed here. Surrounded by tidal estuary, wading birds, terns, and other marsh associated species are also found here. Sunrise Park is also on James Island and on the southern side of the harbor, with open views of the shoreline and harbor. Migrating passerines, waterfowl, water birds, and passerines can be found in this small area.

Approximate Travel time: 40 minutes

Facilities: Restrooms are available at Sunrise Park, but not Ft. Lamar. There are numerous convenience stores/service stations along the way to provide facilities.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. There are many local places to obtain food and water and lunch if necessary. No fee.

Trip 26 – I’on Swamp Road Loop drive, Francis Marion National Forest:

This 8+ mile loop drive begins on Hwy. 17 in Awendaw, SC and includes I’on Swamp Rd., Willow Hall Rd., and the Kinsey Motorway. There are Red-cockaded Woodpeckers here along with other open mature pine species: Bachman’s Sparrow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Summer Tanager. The drive goes through the swamp where we will find migrant passerines and other forested wetlands species. We will drive near pocosins and other early successional habitats. This trip is mostly for forest birds, both upland pine and forested wetlands, and includes mature and early successional habitats of these forest types. Pitcher plant bogs are near the borders of these pocosins.

Approximate Travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: There are no restrooms here, but there are convenience stores on the way that provide restrooms, water, and snacks.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. There is a store in Awendaw that provides restrooms, food, and drinks. No fee.

Trip 29 – Orangeburg Sod Farms:

The Orangeburg Sod Farms are privately owned, allowing visitation by birders. This area is well known for its sometimes spectacular shorebird migration, with specialties such as American Golden-Plover, Upland Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Other local residents include grassland and open field species such as Northern Bobwhite, Common Ground-Dove, Horned Lark, Loggerhead Shrike and others. 135 species have been observed here in September, 22 of these shorebird species.

Approximate travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Restrooms and food stops will be available en route.

Access: Birding at the sod farms will involve mostly roadside stops but conditions can be muddy. Do not drive on the sod and birders must respect the grounds and work crews to have continued access to this area. No fee.

Trip 31 – Pitt St. Causeway/Patriot's Point:

These hotspots are in Mount Pleasant, SC. Pitt St. Causeway will be birded at low tide when the mudflats are exposed, attracting shorebirds, wading birds, terns and gulls. Reddish Egret is sometimes found here. 119 species have been observed here in September; 20 species of shorebirds, 14 species of terns/gulls, 18 species of wading birds, and is a great spot for swallows, wrens, warblers, and raptors during migration. Patriot's Point is nearby and is known for migrating passerines, and there is an observation platform overlooking the harbor for views of water birds and waterfowl.

Approximate Travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: There are no restrooms at these places, but there are numerous convenience stores nearby with restrooms, food, snacks, and drinks.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. No fee.

Trip 32 – Edisto Nature Trail:

The Edisto Nature Trail is in Jacksonboro and is a nature trail maintained by Wesvaco Corporation. There are two loop trails, the longest being about 1.5 miles. Walking can be slippery and on uneven ground with roots. This area supports open mature pines, hardwood forests, bottomland hardwoods, and bald cypress stands. Forest species abound here; vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, warblers, and hawks and owls.

Approximate Travel time: 50 minutes

Facilities: There are no facilities, a truck stop is approximately 1 mile from the trailhead, with adequate restrooms, food, and drinks.

Access: Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. No fee.

Trip 40 – Search for Rarities:

Attempts to relocate rarities that had been seen over the weekend

FULL DAY FIELD TRIPS

Trip 15 & 34 – Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge:

Located 20 miles from Charleston and accessed only by boat, Cape Romain NWR's 66,000-acre ecosystem of barrier islands and saltmarsh habitats extend 22 miles along the coast. This is the gem of the South Carolina coast and a must for birding in the low-country. This special resource is part of the Carolinian-South Atlantic Biosphere Reserve, being of international significance due to its high conservation value and educational importance. It was also recently designated part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. Participants on this trip will explore by boat the saltmarsh estuaries at different tides, seeking out concentrations of migrating shorebirds, marsh (sparrows and rails) and wading birds, gulls, and terns. After exploring the estuaries and marshes, we will then debark for land birding on Bulls Island where we hope to pick up migrating raptors and songbirds, including warblers, vireos, tanagers, flycatchers, etc. Our boat leaves at 7:30am and our estimated return is 3:30 PM to Garriss Landing. Nearly 300 species have been observed here, with over 150 species observed in September. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure (7am). This field trip is a special charter through Coastal Expeditions and there is a \$40.00/person fee, and cash, check, and cards (fee) are accepted on site at Garriss Landing.

Approximate travel time: 45 minutes to Garriss Landing, located at the end of Bulls Island Road near the small village of Awendaw

Facilities: Public restroom at Garriss Landing and near the Dominick House on Bulls Island.

Access: Some of our time will be spent on open water in a boat en route to Bulls Island. At Bulls Island, expect a long hike that is easy to moderate walking conditions and through loose, possibly muddy soils. Depending on weather, participants should prepare for full sun exposure and carry insect repellent. Bring any food, lunch, and water/drinks. \$40 fee.

Trips 16 & 37 – Bear Island Wildlife Management Area:

Managed by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Bear Island ranks as one of South Carolina's top birding destinations. It consists of 17,000 acres in the heart of the ACE Basin, a multi-partnered complex of significant wildlife resources and habitats. It is also an Important Bird Area. Bear Island consists of brackish managed wetlands, marshes, hardwood and pine forests, and open fields. It is accessed by miles of dikes that offer opportunities to see a variety of birds such as Mottled Duck, birds of prey including Barn Owl, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, American White Pelican, Least Bittern, American Avocet and others. Depending on water level conditions, Bear Island can be excellent for migrating shorebirds, and transient songbirds. 191 species have been recorded here in September.

Approximate travel time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Facilities: No public restrooms are available at Bear Island, though a truck stop is on the way in Jacksonboro. A small store at Bennett's Point has limited restroom facilities and available snacks and drinks. However, please prepare for no facilities after Jacksonboro, and bring lunch, drinks, and snacks.

Access: We will mostly be driving and walking dikes in the area. Participants should be prepared for full sun exposure and mosquitoes by wearing appropriate clothing, insect repellent, and sunscreen. No fee.

Trips 17 & 35 – Dewees Island:

Dewees Island is a private island that is zoned for Natural Resource Management. There is a conservation easement over the island and there are many ongoing conservation projects on the island with many local partners. Birding will be done by golf cart and access is by ferry. This island has pristine habitats of beach and dune, where at high tide shorebirds, terns, and gulls congregate. Other pristine habitats are the tidal marsh and maritime forest.

Old House Lagoon holds waterfowl, and wading birds are numerous, and this is one of the best spots for Roseate Spoonbill. During migration shorebirds abound, along with passerines in the forests, and raptors in the skies. 140 species have been observed here in September.

Approximate Travel time: 45 minutes

Facilities: Yes, at the Huyler House and the Nature Center.

Access: Access is by ferry which promptly leaves at 8am from the mainland and 330pm from the island, anyone late will be left behind with no access to ferry until the next hour. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. Bring lunch, snacks, and water/drinks for the day. Ferry fees have been waived.

Trip 18 – Black River Cypress Preserve:

Black River Cypress Preserve is in Georgetown County and is a private property being conserved by The Nature Conservancy. It is approximately 500 acres and includes extensive Bald Cypress stands in the Black River watershed. Other habitats include mature pine stands, bottomland hardwoods, and early successional shrub/scrub areas. This area is being developed for passive recreation and very much underbirded. Expected species are mature forest and early successional migrants, as well as the many resident species. 1000 year old cypress trees are here, as are many oxbow lakes. Forested wetland and forest species are numerous here, as are hawks and owls.

Approximate Travel Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

Facilities: There are restrooms at the entrance. Food, drink, and snacks should be obtained ahead of time or along the route.

Access: There are several miles of trails within the Preserve, all with relatively even surfaces. No fee.

Trips 19 & 38 – Santee Coastal Reserve and Delta:

Designated an Important Bird Area, Santee Coastal Reserve encompasses 24,000 acres of varied habitat including pine forests, freshwater, brackish and tidal wetlands, and agricultural fields. Look for species typical of longleaf ecosystems including Bachman's Sparrow and Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Waterfowl, rails, and a variety of marsh wading birds, bitterns, and migrating shorebirds and passerines are expected. The Big Well wetlands behind the office are now specifically managed for shorebirds. Santee Delta is an adjacent 1,700-acre resource containing remnant historic rice fields and bottomland hardwoods. It can be very good for rails and fall migrants. We will visit there if time permits. 162 species have been recorded here in September.

Approximate travel time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Facilities: No public restrooms available on site but efforts will be made to stop in McClellanville while en route where snacks and drinks are also available.

Access: Mostly birding by car on the entrance road to the office complex, but most by walking on dirt roads and dikes for substantial distances once parked. Participants should be prepared for mosquitoes by wearing appropriate clothing and insect repellent, and please bring sunscreen. Attendees are required to wear an orange hat, coat, or vest to comply with hunting regulations during these dates (archery deer season). No fee.

Trip 36 – Santee National Wildlife Refuge (Bluff and Pine Island Units):

The Bluff and Pine Island Units of the Santee National Wildlife Refuge encompass open water, hardwood and pine forests, freshwater marsh, cultivated fields, old fields, impoundments, and cypress swamps. This refuge is known for waterfowl and water birds, but during September, the forests, vine tangles, and fields are especially productive for migrating passerines and many grassland species. Waterbirds are also numerous at this time of the year and approximately 300 species have been observed on the refuge with over half being observed in September. Some waterfowl will be present but the main attraction at this time of the year are migrants, and due to the diversity of habitats, there will be an abundance of all groups of birds.

Approximate travel time: 30 minutes

Facilities: No public restrooms are available at the refuge but there is a nearby service station with facilities, and some food and drinks.

Access: Some birding is by car, but mostly on foot on trails and service roads. Participants should be prepared for mosquitoes by wearing appropriate clothing and insect repellent, and please bring sunscreen. No fee.

Summerville, SC Registration Form

Registration Begins August 10, 2019 @ 2pm. Register online for

Best Availability of Field Trips at

www.carolinabirdclub.org.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

Meeting Registration (Member) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Meeting Registration (Non-Member) _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Buffet Dinner _____ Vegetarian option _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Meeting registration at the door costs \$40.

Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:

CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip.

I will release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) the Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Processing of mail-in registrations will not begin until online registration opens.

Pre-Registration ends September 21, 2019

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CBC Winter Seasonal Meeting—Litchfield Beach SC

Hunting-some-peeps State Park

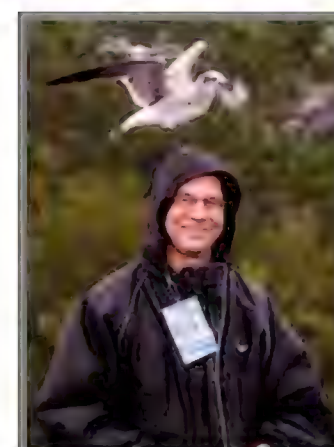
Meeting Planners: Mac Williams
January 17 through January 19, 2020
by Mac Williams

The Winter Seasonal Meeting will be held January 17-19, 2020 in the small coastal town of Litchfield Beach, SC, nicknamed "America's First Beach Resort."

Dr. Chris Hill, the Spivey Palmetto Associate Professor of Biology at Coastal Carolina University, is our speaker. Dr. Hill specializes in ornithology. His research interests include bird mating systems and ecology, along with water-bird biology. At various times in his career, he has used tools ranging from binoculars and field notebooks to an automated DNA sequencer to answer various questions in avian biology. He has published more than 15 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals and he also regularly publishes notes in other outlets ranging from newsletters of scientific societies to popular magazines. CBC members might remember him from birding trips or for his famous "Gull Talk." The CBC is delighted that Dr. Hill will again give his entertaining and informative "Gull Talk" at our Saturday evening banquet in Litchfield Beach.



Dr. Chris Hill



Dr. Chris Hill

The Grand Strand boasts several excellent spots for birding; Huntington Beach State Park (HBSP) is its crown jewel, with 331 different species reported in eBird—the top spot in all of South Carolina. The geography of the area, and the wide variety of habitats found on its beaches, inlets, tidal creeks, forests, piers, and jetties allow even brand-new birders the opportunity to see a wide variety of species in large numbers. Your species count for an all-day excursion could easily surpass 50, with 60 or more not out of reach if you're willing to make the walk to the HBSP Jetty! *(Continued on page 2)*

Want to Receive Rare Bird Alerts?

The Carolina Bird Club is sponsoring a new Rare Bird Alert for South Carolina on the GroupMe platform. To join the RBA, please copy and paste the following link: https://groupme.com/join_group/52879351/5PT34NjX

The link will guide you through setting up a GroupMe account if you don't have one, and you may also want to download the app from your smartphone. Also pay attention to the instruction to post at least one initial message, to avoid being kicked right back out of the group.

A North Carolina GroupMe Rare Bird Alert, not sponsored by CBC, has been in operation since last year. The link to join that group is https://groupme.com/join_group/44042177/tdYiPA

Communication in these groups is either via text message or through the app. To cut down on distractions for everyone it's requested that you limit communications to sharing timely location and presence information on chaseable "good" or rare birds.

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CBC Winter Seasonal Meeting—Litchfield Beach SC *(Continued)*

174 different species were recorded at the last Litchfield Winter Meeting in 2016. That time of year, it's not uncommon to spot alcids close to shore at the pier in Myrtle Beach State Park (MBSP). We will have multiple half-day and all-day trips to HBSP both days, as well as one on Sunday morning. We won't stay just in Georgetown County; there are trips planned to Waites Island, Cherry Grove Pier, MBSP, and Francis Marion National Forest (home of many, many Red-cockaded Woodpeckers). Additionally, a variety of field trips will be offered to non-coastal habitats like Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge, Francis Marion National Forest, and the Hemingway Sewage Treatment Ponds. Finally, we'll have educational trips for young birders, new birders, and even old grouches to HBSP and to the Center for Birds of Prey in Awendaw, SC.



Horned Grebe,
Photo by Jerry Kershner

In recent winters, eBird participants have posted observations of Razorbills; Henslow's Sparrows; Black-headed, Iceland, and Glaucous Gulls; a Red Phalarope; a Harlequin Duck; a Black Guillemot; a Black-legged Kittiwake; and, of course, there was the excitement in 2019 of the two Snow Buntings that hung out for a long spell near the jetty in HBSP. We will search for Ross's Geese, Snow Geese, Tundra Swans, Long-tailed Ducks, Eurasian Wigeons, Red-necked and Horned Grebes, and maybe the Lark Sparrow will return to MBPS this winter (or maybe the Vermilion Flycatcher will visit Georgetown again!).



Razorbill
Photo by Cathy Miller



Snow Bunting,
Photo by Ed Blitch

Our host hotel and meeting headquarters is the Litchfield Beach Resort, 14276 Ocean Hwy, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. This hotel offers one-bedroom, one-bath suites with pool or lake views.

Each suite will include 2 queen beds, a sofa bed, a full kitchen, a dining area, a living room, tile walk-in shower, and a balcony. Suites are located just under 1/2 mile from the beach and are next to the main resort complex.



Litchfield Beach Resort

The room rate is an affordable \$94.35 per unit per night and is **inclusive** of state and local taxes, however, each room has a three-night minimum (1-16-20 through 1-19-20), so if you choose to stay at the host hotel, you'll have to book for three nights.

The CBC's group rate is effective until **12/16/19**.

In order to get the group rate, call **1-888-734-8228**, and when they ask for the Group ID, it's **BIRDCLUB20**. Please note that they will charge one night's rate as a deposit. If you cancel your reservation inside of 14 days before arrival, you'll lose your deposit.

Check in time is 4:00 PM EST and check out time is 11:00 AM EST. All guests must be 21 years of age or older to check-in. Pets are **NOT** allowed at the resort. It is a **NON-SMOKING** facility in its entirety.

Your room rate does NOT include breakfast. Both Friday evening's Q&A Session with Aaron Given & Keith McCullough as well as Saturday's banquet and "Gull Talk" with Dr. Hill will have cash bars: Friday at 6:30pm, with programs beginning at 7:15pm and Saturday at 5:30pm with the buffet dinner starting at 6:30pm and our program following at 7:15pm.

Complete Seasonal Meeting details, registration information, and trip descriptions will be in the December 2019 issue of the CBC Newsletter and on our website: www.carolinabirdclub.org.

As there are untold numbers of Fish Crows along the Grand Strand, if you want to investigate a murder, you're going to need probable caws.



Fish Crows, Photo by Jeff Lewis

The Grand Strand of South Carolina

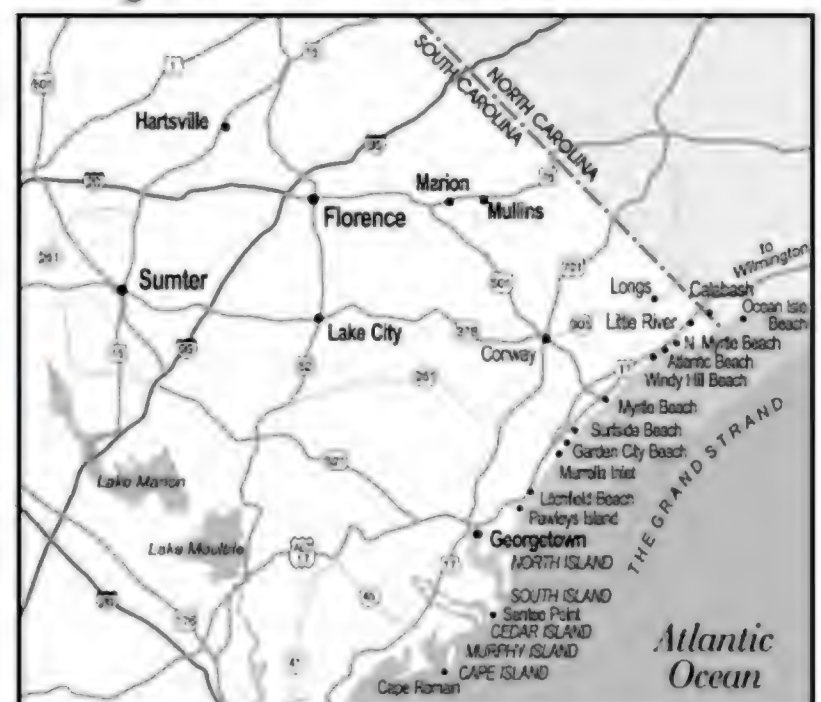


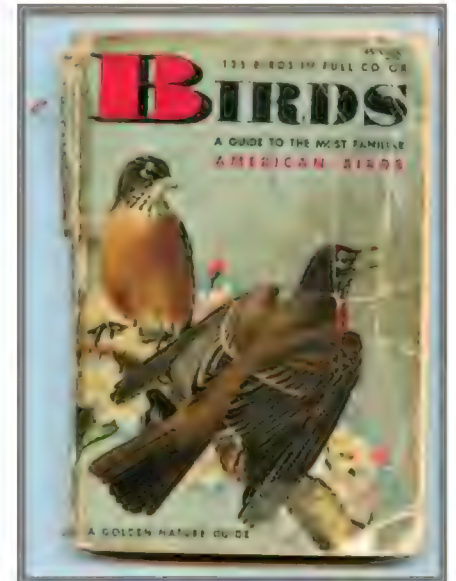
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How I Got Into Birding

by Kent Fiala



I always had trouble with the long drive to Grandma's house. "Are we there yet?"..."Are we there yet?" My mother had to keep finding ways to keep me occupied. One day when I was in second grade, I was with her on a shopping trip to our tiny bookstore. On impulse, she purchased a copy of the Golden Nature Guide "Birds. A Guide to the Most Familiar American Birds. 125 Birds in Full Color" by Zim and Gabrielson (not to be confused with the Golden Guide to Birds of North America by Robbins, Bruun, and Zim, published several years later). She told me that the book was for me but that I could not have it until the next trip to Grandma's. When I finally got my hands on the book, riding in the car, I was smitten. I loved that book, and from that day on I called myself a birdwatcher.



However, my interest was what might be called an academic interest. I liked reading about birds and looking at pictures of them, but I did not actually learn to see birds. Growing up in Nebraska, I imagined that I was in a bird desert and would have to wait until I grew up and could travel to forests and mountains before I could see birds. I had no one to show me the truth, and I did not discover it on my own.

Beginning in third grade I had a classmate, Mike, who was interested in birds, but we were opposite personality types (introvert/extrovert) and did not become friends. But Mike rode his bike past my house on the way to and from his piano lesson, and one winter day when I was 11, my mother saw him stopped in front of our house, apparently looking at something. She said that he must be looking at some bird and why didn't I go out and talk to him? I said no. Eventually I was persuaded, or coerced, and found that he was looking at a Brown Creeper. I was dumbfounded. I don't think that I have ever again been so completely flabbergasted by anything in my life. I knew all about Brown Creepers. I had read about them in the Burgess Bird Book for Children. But never in my wildest imagining had I supposed that it was possible to see one in Nebraska. And now I was not only seeing one in Nebraska, but IN MY FRONT YARD! It was almost more than I could take, and from that moment Mike and I were best friends. I date my beginning as a birder from that day, not from second grade.



Would it be child abuse today? Our parents allowed us to go out exploring the countryside alone, learning birds. We did have binoculars but neither of us had good field guides. Mike had the coffee-table book Birds of America by T. Gilbert Pearson, which was widely sold at the time, and I had my Golden Guide and a set of the already ancient Reed guides. On our very first outing together we saw American Tree Sparrows, another species that I knew all about but never expected to see, and Harris's Sparrows, which were a total revelation to me (but which Mike already knew).

Later that spring we would always see nondescript greenish birds with wing bars that we could never identify. Mike looked through his book and concluded that they were Acadian Flycatchers, but I was not convinced. I looked through my Reed guide and found that the description of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet song, "surprisingly loud and varied for so small a bird," exactly matched our bird, so that was my identification. Arguments ensued. Somehow, we eventually switched sides, with Mike coming over to the Ruby-crowned Kinglet side and me switching to Acadian Flycatcher.

Later, I got my parents to buy me the Peterson Field Guide to Bird Songs of Eastern North America, the only guide on the market at the time. I played the records through from start to finish, and as the Acadian Flycatcher came up, I expected that at last I would be proven right. pizZA!—it sounded absolutely nothing like our bird. Crestfallen, I realized I had been right the first time and should have stuck with the Ruby-crowned Kinglet identification. Then the Ruby-crowned Kinglet came up and it too sounded nothing like our bird. I was really at a loss—I had expected the records to identify our bird, and I still did not know what it was. Suddenly our bird sang from the record player! Bell's Vireo! A bird that was not even illustrated in any book that we had. And the recording was not merely similar to our bird, it WAS our bird, exactly. It was as if someone had traveled to our town, recorded one of our very birds, and put it on the record. It was an electrifying moment for me.

It would be another three years before I met any adult birders, at a meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union. By then, I was already a good birder, but the meetings gave me a lasting appreciation of the value of bird clubs. The Bell's Vireo experience taught me the value of knowing bird songs, and for most of my birding life I really specialized in birding by ear—so much so that someone once said "If a bird doesn't sing, Kent doesn't want to know about it," which wasn't far from the truth.

Sadly, my hearing no longer allows me to be much of an ear-birder, but I am still birding. After 57 years of birding, last year a California Condor got me to 700 species in the original ABA area. There are always new experiences.

Want to share your own "How I Got Into Birding" story?
Please send your completed story to newsletter@carolinabirdclub.org.



Welcome New CBC Members!

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Hilton Head, SC

Charlie Spencer
Lexington, SC

Layton Register
Lexington, KY

Sylvia Harris
Columbia, SC

Gary & Frances Prestash
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The Most Dangerous Bird I have Encountered or Not Encountered

by William Burke

For close to forty years many of us have read Bird Watchers Digest. So, the recent death of Bill Thompson has resulted in numerous remembrances by birders all across the country. I never met Bill, but certainly enjoyed the magazine and the many articles he wrote about birding. But the thing I most remember were his podcasts. One in particular really has stayed with me. In this podcast he related his determination to find a life bird and illustrated it with his adventures in North Dakota trying to find a Connecticut Warbler and a Great Gray owl. He had to go climbing deep into the woods to find the warbler, and he succeeded. But that evening he discovered he had over 90 ticks on his body. The next day he went looking for the owl. Again, he had to go deep into the woods, but almost immediately he had to climb down a deep ravine and he injured his ankle. In fact, he could hardly walk because of the severe injury. But again, he was soon rewarded and saw the owl.

How many of us would have returned to those woods after the ticks? Could we have endured the pain to find the owl? Actually, most of the birders I know are similarly obsessed. I must confess I have been willing to take chances to see a life bird. In this case of Bill Thompson, he was rewarded with two life birds. But one bird has really tested me. The Virginia’s Warbler, in my experience, is the most dangerous bird I have yet to find. It is only 4.75 inches long and weighs about a quarter of an ounce. How can such a bird be dangerous? Seriously, I have avoided serious injury three times while trying to find this little gray bird with its faint yellow breast and yellow tail coverts.



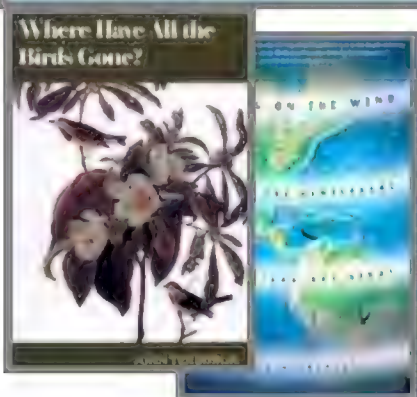
Virginia’s Warbler - John Mercer/
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Now of course this warbler is not common and is limited in its range to Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and a corner of South Dakota. So, it is not a day trip to see one. But it does not require climbing a mountain or braving the heat of the desert. Nor do you have to venture out in minus 25-degree weather to see a Northern Hawk Owl in Minnesota. But still, my quest to see the Virginia’s Warbler has brought me close to serious injury on three occasions. My first effort to see the warbler was in South Dakota at an ABA event and ended when our van hit a pothole on the way to the Virginia’s Warbler spot. I was not injured but one of my fellow passengers was. In fact, she was injured seriously enough to require a trip to the emergency room. My next attempt was also in South Dakota, in a very isolated spot. This second attempt was abruptly ended when my good friend Irvin Pitts grabbed me and said stop. With my next step I would have stepped on a Prairie rattlesnake.

Yes, Irvin has photos of the rattler. I was too unnerved to continue the search. On my third try for the bird I had traveled to Utah on a trip led by a terrific guide, Jan Hansen. Jan took us to a small trail where he thought we could find the warbler. He soon found one, but it was in very thick cover. I could hear the bird chip and even got a glimpse of a small gray bird but certainly not a life look. But all of a sudden two beagles came up the trail balling their heads off and bearing their teeth at us. The bird flew and I felt lucky to have avoided being bitten. So if any of you see me on the trail searching for Virginia’s Warbler be warned it could be dangerous.

Where Have All of the Birds Gone?

By William Burke



At the meeting in Charleston I was manning the registration table while Jill and Craig took a break and in looking at the books on the table, I saw a book I had seen before. But its title, "Where Have All the Birds Gone?," caught my attention." As I leafed through the pages, I remembered how the book documented the large decline of migrants. It was published in 1989. I was also reminded that I had purchased Scott Weidensaul's book, "Living on the Wind," which also documented the loss of many birds. It was published in 1999.

And just last week, *Science Magazine* published the "Decline of the North American Avifauna" which found that there had been a 30% decline in breeding adult birds in the last fifty years. How staggering is it to hear that we have lost nearly three billion birds?

Despite conservation efforts the trend continues with a loss of 14% since 2007. The three major groups that have recovered are waterfowl (50% increase), raptors (200% increase), and turkeys (4,000% in increase). Why have these "recovered"? Of course hunters and their organizations account for the turkey and waterfowl. Bald Eagles and other raptors have recovered because DDT was banned.

I have to ask, what have we as birders done? Cornell Labs suggested that there are " 7 Simple Things We Can Do."

What can I do to help save our birds?

1. Make windows safer.
2. Keep cats indoors.
3. Reduce lawns by planting native species.
4. Reduce or stop the use of pesticides.
5. Drink shade grown coffee.
6. Protect the planet from plastics.
7. Watch birds and share your data.

Many of these are fairly simple and some quite trying with a cat loving spouse. But I expect that most members of the Carolina Bird Club do most of these things. I believe we must do more, much more than the seven suggestions. For example, we also know that the banning of DDT made it possible for us to have seen Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Merlins, and Kestrels on our field trips this past weekend. We must be vigilant in trying to ban as many pesticides as we can.

As the waterfowl and turkey stories teach us, we must preserve and protect habitat. We as a club have made one significant donation to help the Nature Conservancy to preserve some beautiful river front property in Georgetown County, S.C. We need to help preserve more land.

So I call on all you to let me know your ideas and suggestions. Let's protect and preserve the birds we have left.

A download of the full study published online in *Science*, Sept. 2019 is available on the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website at the link below:

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/DECLINE-OF-NORTH-AMERICAN-AVIFAUNA-SCIENCE-2019.pdf>



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1970.

Source: *Science*, Sept. 2019.

Costa Rica: Southern Caribbean to the Cloud Forest

December 4-15, 2019

Epic Nature Tours led by CBC Members Paul and Amanda Laurent

12 Days, 4 Regions of Birding from the Southern Caribbean to the Cloud Forest

Over a 12 day period this trip will bird in four different regions of Costa Rica including: Gandoca-Manzanillo Wildlife Refuge, Guayabo Monument, Irazu Volcano National Park, Cahuita National Park, Los Quetzales National Park, and Cerro de la Muerte.

Using local guides, who are experts in their regions, some of the birds we expect to see are Green Macaws, Resplendent Quetzals, Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer, White-necked Jacobin, Purple-crowned Fairy, Long-billed Hermit, Common Black Hawk, Red-lored Parrot, Black-mandibled Toucan, Keel-billed Toucan, Collared Aracari, Cinnamon Woodpecker, Morelet's Seedeater, Palm Tanager, Groove-billed Ani, Long-tailed Tyrant, Black-cheeked Woodpecker, and Collared Aracari.



Keel-billed Toucan



Resplendent Quetzal

Trip Snapshot

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica

Days 2-5: Southern Caribbean Coast

Day 6: Indigenous Community Experience (overnight)

Day 7 & 8: Ancient Ruins & Volcanoes

Days 9-12: Highlands & Cloud Forest



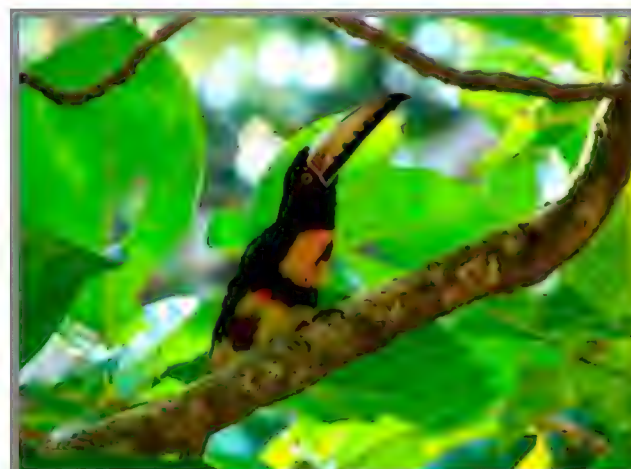
Great Green Macaw



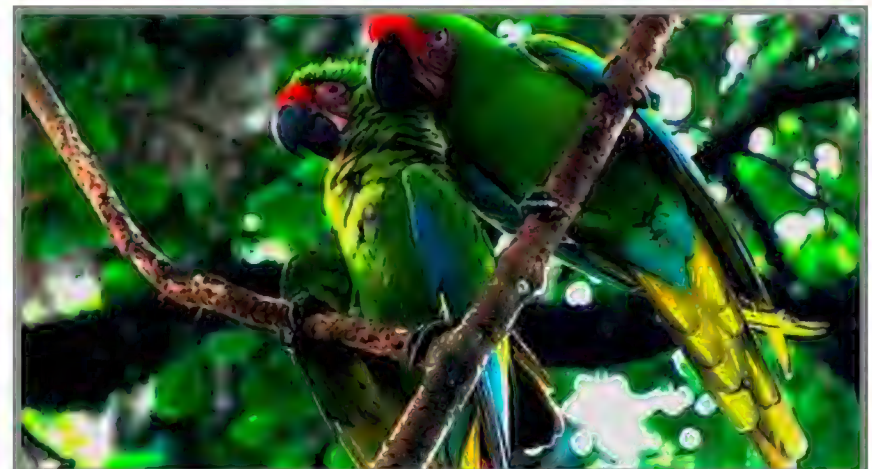
Paul and Amanda at the peak of Cerro de la Muerte. Savegre Valley, San Gerardo de Dota

Pricing:

\$2,449 per person double occupancy with additional \$667.10 for a single occupant. Includes all but 3 meals, ground transportation, lodging, and park admission fees.



Collared Aracari



Great Green Macaws



Registration details are available at www.carolinabirdclub.org or www.epicnaturetours.com.
For additional information: Contact Paul or Amanda Laurent 931-452-9254.

Wildlife Commission Seeks Public's Help in Barn Owl Sightings and Nest Box Placement

by Jodie B. Owen, NCWRC

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The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is asking the public to report any sightings of Barn Owls to the agency. Commission biologists are seeking Barn Owl observations to help them learn more about habitat needs and population distribution of Barn Owls in the Tar Heel state. Property owners who have Barn Owls can help further biologists' knowledge by allowing them to place nest boxes on their properties, free of charge.

Currently, Commission staff has placed four boxes on private property in Anson and Randolph counties and Medford would like to expand the number of sites with nest boxes to at least 15 next summer.

Because Barn Owls are nocturnal and secretive, nest boxes will help biologists learn more about where and when Barn Owls nest in North Carolina, as well as where they prefer to hunt. "Our guess is that suitable hunting and nesting habitat is shifting based on changing farming practices and urbanization," said Allison Medford, a wildlife diversity biologist with the Commission, who is spearheading the effort. "We'll want to first visit the property to see what evidence of owls we can find and then put up a nest box either in a building or on an outdoor pole, depending on where we think the owls are already living. It can take a while for Barn Owls to use the box, so we'll monitor it annually."



Photo by Peter K. Burian

Barn Owls are listed as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the agency's Wildlife Action Plan, a comprehensive planning tool developed by the Commission to help conserve and enhance the state's fish and wildlife species and their habitats. They are difficult to survey using traditional methods, such as point counts and daytime monitoring.

"Special surveys, such as nocturnal surveys and nest box monitoring, are the most effective way we can learn about barn owl distribution and abundance in the state," Medford said.

New Hope Audubon, a chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Chatham, Durham and Orange counties, began the Piedmont Barn Owl Initiative in 2012, installing Barn Owl nest boxes in areas with appropriate habitat. The Commission took oversight of the project in 2017 to broaden the monitoring effort across the Piedmont and focus on putting boxes where the birds are.

"The agency has been doing this type of work in the mountains for years, but there is not as much open, foraging habitat there as in the Piedmont," Medford said. "This is the first time a large-scale monitoring effort for barn owls has been done in the Piedmont, which is why we are looking for the public's assistance."

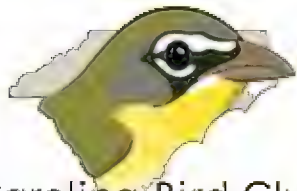
Medium-sized raptors, Barn Owls are gray and cinnamon-colored with white bellies. Their most distinctive features are their white, heart-shaped face and dark eyes. Like most owls, they are nocturnal, but they rely on large areas of open lands, such as hay fields, crop lands and pastures, where they hunt rodents and other small mammals.

"Barn Owls are excellent natural rodent control for farmers and cattlemen," Medford said. "A Barn Owl eats an average of 79 pounds of mice per year, which is roughly 3 ½ mice per day. That's some considerable free pest management!"

Barn Owls nest in hollow trees, rock crevices, or large man-made structures like barns, silos and sometimes hunting box blinds. Unlike most birds, Barn Owls do not make nests but rather lay their eggs on piles of their own shredded up pellets. They use their nests as roosting sites throughout the year.

To participate, anyone who spots a Barn Owl and property owners willing to have a nest box placed on their property are asked to contact Medford, allison.medford@ncwildlife.org or 910-975-9393.

For more information about nongame wildlife in North Carolina and the Wildlife Diversity Program, visit the Conserving page — <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Conserving/Conserving-North-Carolinas-Wildlife-Resources>



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Join CBC in Litchfield Beach, SC for the Winter Meeting

January 17 through January 19, 2020

by Mac Williams, Meeting Planner

The Club will be heading out to Litchfield Beach, South Carolina for the 2020 Winter Meeting! We hope that you can join us and enjoy the interesting trips and programs we have scheduled from Friday, January 17 and running through Sunday, January 19.

On Friday evening, there will be a question-and-answer session with Aaron Given and Keith McCullough featuring light refreshments and a cash bar. Come and listen to two South Carolina eBird reviewers tell you everything you always wanted to know about eBird but were too afraid to ask the Carolina email list. Aaron will also answer questions about the Kiawah Island banding project that he oversees, and Keith can answer any Charleston County Parks questions you might have.

eBird



Laughing Gulls at HBSP
by Deborah Roy

On Saturday evening we will enjoy a banquet and our keynote speaker, Dr. Christopher Hill, the Spivey Palmetto Associate Professor of Biology at Coastal Carolina University. Dr. Hill specializes in ornithology, and his research interests include bird mating systems and ecology along with water-bird biology. At various times in his career, he has used tools ranging from binoculars and field notebooks to an automated DNA sequencer to answer various questions in avian biology. He has published more than 15 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals, and he also regularly publishes notes in other outlets ranging from newsletters of scientific societies to popular magazines. CBC Members might remember him from birding trips or for his famous "Gull Talk," which he will again give at our Saturday evening banquet. Don't miss it!

Our Field Trips will be both familiar and new. We will have several trips to Huntington Beach State Park. We'll also have trips to Myrtle Beach State Park, Santee Coastal Wildlife Management Area, and Bulls Island. We will again offer a trip to the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center, normally closed to the public. We're again able to offer a trip to Waties Island on Saturday only. Waties is the northernmost barrier island in SC and it is one of the last untouched places in the state. If you didn't get a chance to go on this trip last time, be sure to sign up as soon as registration opens!

There will be an all-day "curlew" trip that the boat captain has requested that we not call a "curlew" trip. Additionally, there will be two New Birder field trips led by experienced birders, and one trip especially for Young Birders led by one of our most experienced former young birders. New this meeting, we're including an educational trip to the Center for Birds of Prey, down in Awendaw, SC.

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Join CBC In Litchfield Beach, SC for the Winter Meeting *(Continued)*

A glance through the list of trips will show you that we've tried to offer trips to a variety of habitats, while still providing ample access to the most popular places that CBC members want to go.

Our host hotel and meeting headquarters is the Litchfield Beach Resort, 14276 Ocean Hwy, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. This hotel offers one-bedroom, one-bath suites with pool or lake views.

Please remember to check the schedule posted at registration for more details on all of the weekend's events. And any last minute changes and/or cancellations.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Litchfield!

In order to get the group rate, call **1-888-734-8228**, and when they ask for the Group ID, it's **BIRDCLUB20**.

Please note that they will charge one night's rate as a deposit.

If you cancel your reservation inside of 14 days before arrival, you'll lose your deposit.



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Charlotte, NC

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Mount Pleasant, GA

Terry Freely
Salisbury, NC

Sharon & Mark Antoszyk
Concord, NC

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Field Trip Schedule

All meeting places for field trips are in the parking lot of Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort, unless otherwise noted. Please be at the meeting place ten minutes early. Times are departure times from the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort, and late arrivals will be left. Carpooling is a necessity for all trips and please remember to reimburse drivers for their gasoline expenses.

Friday, January 17, 2020		Saturday, January 18, 2020	
Friday All-day		Saturday All-day	
<u>Trip 1:</u> Bulls Island Trip - 5:45 a.m. (boat departs from Gar- ris Landing at 7:00 a.m. sharp)		<u>Trip 15:</u> Long-billed Curlew Trip - 8:00 a.m. (boat departs at 9:00 a.m. sharp from Jeremy Creek/McClellanville Boat Landing)	
<u>Trip 2:</u> Huntington Beach State Park w/jetty - 6:30 a.m.		<u>Trip 16:</u> Huntington Beach State Park Trip A - 7:00 a.m.	
<u>Trip 3:</u> Tom Yawkey Center - 6:20 a.m.		<u>Trip 17:</u> Santee Coastal Reserve - 6:00 a.m.	
<u>Trip 4:</u> Cherry Grove Pier/Heritage Shores/MBSP (the order will follow the tide) - 6:00 a.m.		<u>Trip 18:</u> Huntington Beach State Park Trip B - 7:30 a.m.	
		<u>Trip 19:</u> Bulls Island Trip - 5:45 a.m. (boat departs from Garris Landing at 7:00 a.m. sharp)	
Friday Half-day Morning		Saturday Half-day Morning	
<u>Trip 5:</u> HBSP Jetty - 7:00 a.m.		<u>Trip 20:</u> Waties Island - 6:00 a.m.	
<u>Trip 6:</u> Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge - 6:30 a.m.		<u>Trip 21:</u> Hemingway Sewage Treatment Ponds - 6:00 a.m.	
<u>Trip 7:</u> Lewis Ocean Bay - 7:15 a.m.		<u>Trip 22:</u> South Litchfield/South Pawley’s Island - 7:00 a.m.	
<u>Trip 8:</u> Huntington Beach State Park - 7:30 a.m.		<u>Trip 23:</u> Huntington Beach State Park - 7:15 a.m.	
<u>Trip 9:</u> Brookgreen Gardens - 7:45 a.m.		<u>Trip 24:</u> Myrtle Beach State Park - 6:30 a.m.	
		<u>Trip 25:</u> New-to-birding Workshop, Huntington Beach State Park - 7:30 a.m.	
Friday Half-day Afternoon		Saturday Half-day Afternoon	
<u>Trip 10:</u> Conway Wastewater Treatment Plant & Lake Busbee - 1:00 p.m.		<u>Trip 26:</u> Huntington Beach State Park w/jetty - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>Trip 11:</u> Center for Birds of Prey in Awendaw, SC - 1:00 p.m.		<u>Trip 27:</u> Huntington Beach State Park (Young Birders) - 1:15 p.m.	
<u>Trip 12:</u> Huntington Beach State Park - 1:00 p.m.		<u>Trip 28:</u> Brookgreen Gardens - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>Trip 13:</u> New-to-birding Workshop, Huntington Beach State Park - 1:00 p.m.			
<u>Trip 14:</u> South Litchfield/South Pawley’s Island - 1:00 p.m.			
Sunday, January 19, 2020			
Sunday Morning			
Hotspots - To be announced			

****Some trips and plans may change depending on conditions and bird patterns.**

Registration begins December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Register online at www.carolinabirdclub.org, for best availability of field trips.

Online registration closes January 11 at 8:00 a.m.

2020 Winter Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Trip # 1 & 19 - Bulls Island (All-day, Friday)

Bulls Island is a full-day boat trip for \$40 a head. Minimum = 10 people. The fee will be collected on board the ferry. They take cash, check, or credit card (bring lunch and water). We'll be walking on the island all day. The pearl of Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, Bulls Island, offers mud banks, saltwater marshes, beaches, freshwater impoundments, ponds, and upland habitats. This place is on anybody's list of the top five birding spots in South Carolina. We have arranged drop-off at the dock, then a hike up to Jack's Creek and the observation deck near the end of Sheepshead Ridge Road, and a hike back to the dock. This will be at least a 5.5 mile walk and is a moderate to heavy exertion effort, not to be taken lightly. The hike will be flat but on soft soil. Target birds include Canvasback and Redhead, Red-necked Grebe, potentially thousands of shorebirds, Piping Plover, Peregrine Falcon, American White Pelican, and more. Limit 15

Travel Time: 65 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Around 6 miles of moderate to heavy walking over different kinds of mostly flat terrain.

Trip #2, 16, & 18 - Huntington Beach State Park (All-day, Friday & Saturday, \$5 per person state park fee)

This trip will cover the jetty at Huntington Beach State Park, together with the nearby tidal creeks and flats, plus the causeway, Mullet Pond, the education center, salt marsh boardwalk and Sandpiper Pond. The jetty is one of the best places in the state to find wintering Purple Sandpipers and Common Eider, Razorbill, Long-tailed Duck, Northern Gannets, and all three North American scoters. The main drawback to visiting the jetty is that it is nearly a 3 mile walk, round-trip, along the beach from the north parking lot. Bring water and lunch. Some food is available in the park store. Limit: 16

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Walking all day, walking multiple miles on loose sand. Participants should be able to walk more than four miles in a day.

Trip # 3 - Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center (All-day, Friday)

This area is a SC Heritage Preserve and administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Public access can be rather limited, so we are excited to offer a full-day trip to this fantastic birding area. Target birds include American Avocet, American White Pelican, Tundra Swan, Barn Owl, lots of waterfowl, shorebirds, rails, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, sparrows and more! Observation towers provide a panoramic view of the south Santee River Delta and surrounding area. This trip makes for a long day, but what a day it will be there! Note that space will be limited, so if you are hoping to go on this trip, register early! Bring food and water.

Limit: 11

Travel Time: 40 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Ferry over to island

Trip # 4 - Cherry Grove Pier and Marsh, Heritage Shores, and Myrtle Beach State Park- (All-day, Friday, up to \$10 in access fees per person) - 6:30 a.m.

We will ocean watch for pelagics, sea ducks, etc. from the Cherry Grove Pier which is the northernmost publicly accessible pier in the state. We will also visit Heritage Shores Nature Preserve in Cherry Grove for marsh birds, and Myrtle Beach State Park. The order in which we visit each location will be determined by the weather and the tides. That time of year, alcids can often be seen from the piers we'll be visiting, with many coming close enough to shore to be photographed!

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 60 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

2020 Winter Meeting Field Trip Descriptions/continued

Trip #5 & 26 - Huntington Beach SP Jetty (Half-day, Friday & Saturday, \$5 per person state park fee)

This trip will walk to the jetty and the nearby tidal creeks and flats. The jetty is one of the best places in the state to find wintering Purple Sandpipers and scoters. Rarities are regular here and with luck we may find such species as Common Eider, Razorbill, and Long-Tailed Duck.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: At least 3 miles of walking on beach to and from jetty

Trip #6 - Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge (Half-day, Friday)

This trip visits the Cox Ferry Recreational Area where it's possible to see most of our resident woodland passerines, as well as winter migrants. Target species include sparrows, woodcock, raptors, and waterfowl.

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 40 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip # 7 - Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve (Half-day, Friday)

This 9,000 acre preserve includes 23 Carolina Bays. The preserve is classified as an IBA by Audubon. The chief target birds will be Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and other species associated with pine savannas. The state's largest population of Black Bears occurs here as well as numerous rare plants including the Venus Flytrap. The trip will be led by a Coastal Carolina University professor who conducts research at the site.

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 45 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate Walking

Trips # 8, 12, & 23 - Huntington Beach State Park (Half-day, Friday & Saturday, \$5 per person state park fee)

In the wintertime, one of the best ways to see a large variety of birds is to explore the different habitats in close proximity to one another within the southern end of "HBSP." As the top birding spot along the Grand Strand, and arguably South Carolina, multiple trips will run in the park at the same time. Each leader will discuss with the group where they would like to go, but the leader's decisions must be respected. An example of a trip might begin at Mallard Pond Causeway, moving to the trail behind the visitor's center, connecting to the former carriage trail, observing the mallard pond, moving toward the Atalaya building and its secluded access to the beach, and ending back in the Visitor's Center parking lot. Others might visit the marsh boardwalk and the Sandpiper Trail. Only trips that specifically mention the jetty (and its mile-and-a-third-each-way walk) will visit the jetty.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes, minimal concessions at Park HQ

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trips # 9 & 28 - Brookgreen Gardens (Half-day, Friday & Saturday, \$18 fee)

Participants will spend the afternoon exploring beautiful statuary gardens and wonderful open woodland habitat for a variety of birds including ducks, rails, bitterns, wading birds, wintering passerines, Great Horned & Barred Owls, Bald Eagles, etc.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 8 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

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Trip #10 - Conway Wastewater Treatment Ponds and Lake Busbee (Half-day, Friday)

The wastewater treatment ponds by former Lake Busbee is the best “crappy” birding spot in the area. After checking the ponds for a wide range of ducks and shorebirds, we will walk the path around former Lake Busbee for more waterfowl and a good variety of sparrows. Hopefully the Bald Eagles will nest there again as well.

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 40 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip # 11 - Center for Birds of Prey in Awendaw, SC (Half-day, Friday p.m., \$18 entrance fee)

This educational trip will visit the Raptor Center in Awendaw, SC that rehabilitates injured raptors and either releases them back into the wild or gives them a permanent home. The visit will include a presentation on the Center’s mission, as well as visits to the oiled-bird treatment facility and the medical facility, but, most importantly, you’ll see large birds of prey up close, allowing you to appreciate the beauty of each species currently receiving care and to appreciate the critical need for places like this. CBC members are welcome to bird the Center’s property as well.

Limit: 30

Travel Time: 70 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Light Walking

Trips #13 & 25 - New-to-Birding workshop. (Half-day, Friday & Saturday, \$5 per person state park fee)

This is for those new to birding or those who just want a refresher. You will visit Huntington Beach State Park looking and listening for birds in a variety of habitats. Additional focus will be placed on bird behavior and identification techniques.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trips #14 & 22 - South Litchfield Beach (Half-day, Friday & Saturday p.m.)

Located near our hotel. This beach is located south of Huntington Beach SP. We will search the causeway leading to the beach which is an excellent place to observe rails. From the parking lot, we will walk up to 1.3 miles of the beach where we may see a variety of shorebirds. Gannets, loons, grebes, sea ducks, cormorants, gulls, terns, etc. may be also seen on our walk. On the western side of the island, we may find plovers, skimmers, and sandpipers.

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 15 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: Walking on beach

Trip #15 - “Not-a-Long-billed-Curlew” Trip (All-day, Saturday only, \$45 per person; boats seats up to 40, minimum of 25)

This trip visits Raccoon Key and Lighthouse Island in a covered boat with windows that lower. The boat holds up to 40 passengers. Our target birds include the Curlew, Whimbrels, godwits, ducks, plovers, American Oystercatcher, Peregrine Falcon, and more. We usually see Nelson’s, Seaside, and Saltmarsh Sparrows. The boat captain has requested that we not call this trip the “Curlew” trip so as not to disappoint participants if we don’t find any, so, let’s all please manage our expectations accordingly.

Limit: 40

Travel Time: 50 minutes

Facilities: None

Access conditions: All-day boat trip may be very cold, wet, and windy. Individuals subject to seasickness should prepare themselves for winter water conditions.

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Trip # 17- Santee Coastal Reserve (All-day, Saturday)

Santee Coastal Reserve has certain portions that are closed by statute during this year's meeting. This trip will include all of the areas accessible to the public during the winter months. Expect lots of waterfowl and wading birds, hawks, American White Pelicans, Wood Storks, probable rails, sparrows, raptors, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Barn Owls if we are lucky, plenty of Bald Eagles, and in 2004, a Golden Eagle was spotted there.

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 45 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: Moderate walking all day

Trip #20 - Waties Island (Half-day, Saturday 6:15 a.m.)

Waties Island is one of the last undeveloped barrier islands on the S.C. coast. A true oasis in comparison to the Grand Strand. Saved for generations by one family, Waties is now preserved by a conservation easement and is host to research projects by the faculty and students of Coastal Carolina University. Bring food and water.

Limit: 20

Travel Time: 70 minutes

Facilities: None

Access: Moderate walking, including beach walking

Trip # 21 - Hemingway Sewage Treatment Ponds & Johnsonville Sand Pits (Half-day, Saturday)

This trip includes a visit, with permission, to the Hemingway Sewage Treatment Ponds, the top birding spot in Williamsburg County, South Carolina, with 18 different waterfowl species reported during the month of January. Shorebirds and passerines are also expected, but seeing large rafts of different kinds of ducks inland and up close is the highlight of this trip. If time allows, a visit to the seldom-birded Johnsonville Sand Pits is planned. Please note that the aromas surrounding the sewage treatment ponds can be strong, pungent, and at-times even piquant.

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 60 minutes (please carpool as much as possible)

Facilities: In the town of Hemingway there are a couple of fast food restaurants & a Food Lion

Access conditions: Moderate walking

Trip #24 - Myrtle Beach State Park (Half-day, Saturday, \$5 per person state park fee - not per car)

We begin at the pier to look for loons, cormorants, gannets, horned grebes, gulls, terns, and hopefully some alcids, etc. The pier also has restrooms, coffee, snacks, etc. Next, we will bird the maritime forest and ponds which may yield Blue-headed Vireo, Yellow-throated Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, and other wintering passerines. The pond may have some waterfowl. We will also look for bittern, rails, and sparrows.

Limit: 15

Travel Time: 35 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate Walking

Trip # 27 - Young Birders HBSP (Half-day, \$5 per person state park fee)

This trip is specifically for young birders and their families, though others are welcome if there is room the day of the trip. You will visit Huntington Beach State Park looking and listening for birds in a variety of habitats, choosing destinations according to the trip leader's research (and maybe a hunch or two).

Limit: 16

Travel Time: 10 minutes

Facilities: Yes

Access conditions: Moderate walking

For further details check the trip listings at www.carolinabirdclub.org

Supplies You Should Have in Your Field Bag

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No matter what season it is, where you plan to go birding, or what birds you hope to see, it is important to carry the right supplies in your field bag. Being prepared with the proper gear means easier, safer, and more enjoyable birding. But exactly what should be in your bag?

Essential Birding Supplies

Every birder has different preferences for what gear to carry, but some items are essential for every type of birding, no matter your experience level.

Field Guide

You will always need a suitable reference for bird identification. Portable, lightweight field guides covering local or regional species are best. There are also a range of online and downloadable field guide apps that can be excellent options for helping you identify every bird you see.

Binoculars

You can't identify birds that you can't see. Birding binoculars should always be in your field bag or worn on a strap or harness for easy accessibility. Monoculars can also be a good option, and depending on the type of birding you do or where you go, a spotting scope may be your best optical choice.

Notebook

Whether you want to take paper notes about the birds you see, make sketches, or just keep a basic sightings list, a notebook will help you keep track of your birding adventures. You can do this with a birding journal, a simple pad of paper, or a notes or text app on a tablet or smartphone.

Identification

Birders should always carry proper identification in the field. This is especially important when birding near private or protected lands, when authorities may request identification to ensure there is no improper use of the area. Birders in foreign lands may also want to carry a passport or copies of visa papers just in case.



Other Important Supplies

While few supplies may be needed if you are an experienced birder visiting an area you are very familiar with, many other supplies are equally important to help you be safe and comfortable while birding. You definitely should find room in your field bag for these types of items.

Camera

Many birders use a camera to create a visual list of birds they've seen, and photos can also help with identification by comparing photos to field guides. Along with your camera, be sure you have extra batteries, memory cards, and other accessories.

Water

Staying hydrated can make a big difference for your comfort while birding, particularly in dry climates or on hot days. Bring a bottle of water, juice, or sports drink to stay refreshed, but limit diuretic drinks that can make you thirstier, such as alcohol, coffee, or caffeinated teas.

Protective Products

Depending on the weather conditions and where you will be birding, different protective products can be either essential or highly recommended for comfort. Sunscreen, insect repellent, and SPF-rated lip balm are all good choices to add to your field bag.

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Protective Clothing

In addition to protective products, protective clothing can also be useful. A broad-brimmed hat, long-sleeved jacket, sunglasses, rain poncho, rubber boots, and similar attire can help protect you in different habitats and field conditions.

Snacks

If you're hungry, you may not pay as much attention to birds and could be tempted to stop birding early. Bringing along nutritious, high-energy snacks such as trail mix, fruit, a granola bar, or cheese and crackers to keep up your birding strength.

Trail Map

Trails can begin to look alike after you spend several hours birding, especially if you're in an unfamiliar area or a preserve you don't know well. Bring a trail map to keep yourself oriented. Or, snap a photo of a map at the trailhead so you have an instant reference.



Tissues

A small pack of tissues or wet wipes can be very useful, not just for wiping your hands, but for wiping off a sudden splash on your field guide, camera, or optics. In a pinch, tissues can also be invaluable if restroom facilities may not be available or as well-kept as you'd prefer.

Cleaning Tools

A smear across the lens of your camera or binoculars might interrupt a view or ruin a photo. A microfiber cloth, cleaning brush, or specialty wipes can help you keep your equipment in peak condition for optimal viewing.

Medication

A small supply of basic medication can help keep you comfortable so you don't have to stop birding early. Add allergy pills, aspirin, or other medications to your field bag to stay healthy and fit for birding.

Emergency Supplies

You never know when the unexpected might happen, even if you're birding in an area you've visited many times before. Having emergency supplies available can make a critical difference to keep you safe until help arrives. If you don't have these items in your field bag, they ought to be handy in your vehicle or another pack you can access:

- Flashlight
- Flares or emergency lights
- Extra socks and gloves
- First aid kit
- Lighter or matches
- Compass
- Multi-tool or pocketknife
- Whistle
- Emergency blanket
- Spare car key

The exact supplies you carry in your field bag will vary depending on where you are birding, the conditions of the habitat, your level of birding experience, your physical condition, the season, local climate, and other factors. Understanding which supplies are absolutely essential, which you ought to have, and what should be available for emergencies can help you pack your field bag with everything you need for safe, comfortable, well-prepared birding.



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Please send your completed story to newsletter@carolinabirdclub.org.

We are so fortunate to have such amazing birds and biodiversity around us. We cannot take wildlife for granted and it is our responsibility to care and show respect for the natural world – whether that be the birds themselves, their habitats, food, or behaviors – in our actions and values. Please practice the birding ethics and etiquette below in your daily lives and represent CBC as ethical birders!

ABA Code of Ethics

American Birding Association Principles of Birding Ethics

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

1(a) Support the protection of important bird habitat.

1(b) To avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger, exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming.

Limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds, and never use such methods in heavily birded areas or for attracting any species that is Threatened, Endangered, or of Special Concern, or is rare in your local area.

Keep well back from nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display areas, and important feeding sites. In such sensitive areas, if there is a need for extended observation, photography, filming, or recording, try to use a blind or hide, and take advantage of natural cover.

Use artificial light sparingly for filming or photography, especially for close-ups.

1(c) Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area, and proceed only if access can be controlled, disturbance can be minimized, and permission has been obtained from private landowners. The sites of rare nesting birds should be divulged only to the proper conservation authorities.

1(d) Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

2. Respect the law and the rights of others.

2(a) Do not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission.

2(b) Follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas, both at home and abroad.

2(c) Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.

3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

3(a) Keep dispensers, water, and food clean and free of decay or disease. It is important to feed birds continually during harsh weather.

3(b) Maintain and clean nest structures regularly.

3(c) If you are attracting birds to an area, ensure the birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals, or dangers posed by artificial hazards.

Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Each individual in the group, in addition to the obligations spelled out in Items #1 and #2, has responsibilities as a Group Member.

4(a) Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as those of people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities. Freely share your knowledge and experience, except where code 1(c) applies. Be especially helpful to beginning birders.

4(b) If you witness unethical birding behavior, assess the situation and intervene if you think it prudent. When interceding, inform the person(s) of the inappropriate action and attempt, within reason, to have it stopped. If the behavior continues, document it and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.

4. Group Leader Responsibilities [amateur and professional trips and tours]

4(c) Be an exemplary ethical role model for the group. Teach through word and example.

4(d) Keep groups to a size that limits impact on the environment and does not interfere with others using the same area.

4(e) Ensure everyone in the group knows of and practices this code.

4(f) Learn and inform the group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited (e.g. no sound devices allowed).

4(g) Acknowledge that professional tour companies bear a special responsibility to place the welfare of birds and the benefits of public knowledge ahead of the company's commercial interests. Ideally, leaders should keep track of tour sightings, document unusual occurrences, and submit records to appropriate organizations.

Please follow this code. Distribute it and teach it to others.

Additional copies of the Code of Birding Ethics can be obtained from ABA. The ABA Code of Birding Ethics may be reprinted, reproduced, and distributed without restriction. Please acknowledge the role of ABA in developing and promoting this code.

Litchfield Beach, SC Registration Form

Registration Begins December 7, 2019 @ 2pm. Register online for

Best Availability of Field Trips at

www.carolinabirdclub.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

Meeting Registration (Member) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Meeting Registration (Non-Member) _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Buffet Dinner _____ Vegetarian option _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Meeting registration at the door costs \$40.

Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:
CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip.

I will release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) the Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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